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Grim forecast of three million deaths worldwide by 1990

4,000 doomed to die of Aids, Fowler warns

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

About 4,000 people in Britain, and up to three million worldwide, will die of Aids in the next three years, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday.

Making it plain that he foresaw the time when hospitals would not be able to cope with the problem, he emphasized the potential role of the churches in providing hospices for the dying, and said he planned to call a conference of experts to discuss care outside hospitals for *the victims.*

The latest figures, issued by the Department of Health and Social Security yesterday, show that there had been 610 cases of Aids (acquired immune defficiency syndrome) in Britain by the end of December, including 293 patients who have died. Between 30,000 and 100,000 more are thought to be carriers of the infection.

Mr Fowler used the grim statistics and forecasts to emphasize the urgency of public response to the Government's campaign to restrict the spread of the epidemic.

He gave details of the latest phase of the campaign, including the broadcast last night of the first television advertisement on Aids.

The advertisement is being used to draw attention to the Aids leaflet which is being sent to all Britain's 23 million households in the next few weeks. Distribution begins next Monday.

Complusory Aids screening for all serving military personnel is being considered by the Ministry of Defence although this might mean a change in Queen's Regulations. Officials are also concerned with what should happen to servicemen found to be carriers. In the last century the problem of syphilis in the armed forces led to the Government bringing in a draconian Act violating civil rights.

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The advertisement shows the word "Aids" being chiselled from a piece of rock *which becomes a gravestone.* A commentary says that the Aids virus is deadly, can be passed during sexual intercourse, can be caught by anyone, and is spreading.

"If you ignore Aids it could be the death of you. So don't die of ignorance," it concludes.

A similar advertisement, featuring an Aids iceberg, is to be shown in 1,200 cinemas throughout the country from January 16.

"The most important thing, we have–to do is convince people of the urgency of the *situation without causing per*sonal alarm and panic", Mr Fowler said at a news conference.

He said he fully accepted that there was a moral issue behind Aids and that he intended to continue talks with church leaders. "I hope we can work together to develop a compassionate and caring response to the needs of all those afflicted by the virus and the disease."

Mr Fowler drew attention to the likely need for hospices to be provided for patients dying from Aids, and the role he thought the churches could play im providing such care.

"The hospice area is one where some churches will want to make a contribution", he said. "The churches have a very big input to make here."

He said he was calling a conference of experts to discuss the care of Aids sufferers *outside* of hospitals after his return from a fact-finding visit to the United States later this month.

Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, said: "We have to be prepared for the possibility that more than 50 per cent of those infected will develop Aids. It is also possible that further complications of the virus may emerge as the years go by."

But he said it was impossible to predict what the long-term effects of the virus on the human body would be over the next 10 to 20 years

Vaccine development was likely to be at least five years away, and probably more, Sir *Donald* said.

Mr Norman Fowler speaking at yesterday's press conference (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Top men likely to resign soon at Guinness

By Lawrence Lever

At least two top-level Guinness directors, including Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman, are expected to resign at the company's emergency board meeting next Wednesday.

The five independent *non*-executive directors who have the power to oust Mr Saunders are insisting that he stand down at least for the duration of the government inquiry into the troubled brewing and leisure group. He is likely to continue, however, as chief executive.

Mr Olivier Roux, the *Guinness finance director,* is expected to resign and is now playing a very reduced role in the management of the company's affairs.

The Guinness board has already distanced itself from Mr Roux, who is taking separate legal advice on his position. He has hardly been seen at Guinness's Portman Square head office in London since the inquiry was announced on December 1.

Mr Roux was a member of the "war cabinet", which held daily strategy meetings during Guinness's bid for Distillers – the focus of the DTI inquiry. He is on secondment to the company from Bain and Company, the American management consultant.

A *statement* issued by Guinness on Wednesday specifically highlighted Mr Roux and meetings held with him by the Guinness directors in an attempt to explain the circumstances surrounding the DTI investigation.

City sources said yesterday that Mr Roux was being made "the fall guy" for Guinness in the same way as Mr Roger Seelig, the banker who was last week forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell, Guinness's former adviser.

Mr Saunders was also a member *of the Guinness* war cabinet. So far, he has strongly opposed proposals from the independent directors that he should stand down as chairman.

He is expected to be replaced by one of the independent directors but will continue running the company's operations in his role as chief executive, under the supervision of the new chairman.

The nine-man non-executive committee has the legal power to oust Mr Saunders as chairman if necessary. A *majority vote of the* committee would be sufficient, so the five independent directors hold the balance of power.

The committee was established after Guinness's controversial decision last year to revise the board structure it had promised to set up if it won control of Distillers. The company reneged on its prom*ises to appoint Sir Thomas* Risk as chairman.

Mr Saunders' decision to take on the dual functions of *chairman and chief executive* have constantly aroused criticism in the City.

Roux: Reduced role in Guinness management

Considerable controversy surrounds Mr Saunders' decision, as part of a special Guinness committee, to invest $100 million dollars of the company's money in a speculative fund run by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur.

The investment was made at the end of May last year, six weeks after Guinness won a hotly contested battle with the Argyll food and drinks group, *for control of Distillers.*

Mr Boesky was a keen supporter of the Guinness side and was active in the shares of all three companies involved in the battle. Guinness has denied that the $100 million investment was a pay-off for Mr Boesky's support.

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The London stock market soared to new peaks for the second successive day, adding a further £3 billion to the value of Britain's quoted companies.

The FT-SE index of the top 100 stocks closed 10.9 points higher at a record 1733.1, while the narrower FT 30 index of the top 30 shares closed up 19.5 at 1,372.5. In the past two days almost £8 billion has been added to the value of quoted stocks*Page 19*

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Disruption hits harder in France

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Industrial unrest in France took a turn for the worse yesterday with further acts of sabotage on the railways, increased disruption on the Paris Mètro and bus services, more power cuts, and threatened strikes by miners, steelworkers and teachers.

The communist-led CGT union said the miners were "at war" after Monday's announcement of the loss of between 25,000 and 27,000 jobs among a workforce of 40,000, and the closure of more pits. The union is to consult members on "action required to fight this miserable plan of redundancies and economic and human *waste*".

The CGT and the socialist CFDT union are calling on members to oppose similar redundancies planned in the crisis-ridden steel industry.

Meanwhile, the largest teachers' union, the National Federation of Education, threatened yesterday to call out its members on strike in protest against planned job losses. Several unions are pressing the Government to open negotiations immediately on pay rises

One of the few bright spots during the day was the announcement of the end of the seamen's and dockers' strikes which have paralysed ports for the past four weeks. The strikes were finally called *off after agreement* was reached on pay lost during the stoppage.

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Prince's weekend of decision

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Prince Edward, the reluctant Royal Marine, will spend the weekend with his family and friends considering his *military future following* a heart-to-heart counselling session with senior officers at his training base.

He called briefly at Buckingham Palace yesterday, following his visit to the Commando Training Centre at Lympstone in Devon. He was thought to have driven to Sandringham, where the Queen and Prince Philip are still on their New Year holiday.

The 22-year-old Prince has a difficult few days ahead of him before informing his superiors about whether he still intends to go ahead with his intention to resign.

Any young officer taking such a step at least has the benefit of privacy and relative anonymity, but for Edward his personal career crisis has become a public affair.

He spent about 15 minutes with both Major Paul Bancroft, who is in charge of the officer training course, and the camp commandant, Colonel Ian Moore, and then45 minutes alone with the colonel.

He was said to have had "a good heart-to-heart" with Colonel Moore

Although no time limit was put on his leave to make his decision, senior officers at Lympstone expect to hear *from their Royal trainee offi*cer within days.

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Kinnock aims jobs package at North

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

A Labour government would attempt to halt the growing divide between the North and South by targetting its £6 billion jobs package at Britain's worst-off areas, it was revealed last night.

*Mr Neil Kinnock, the La*bour leader, said the discriminatory approach would favour Scotland, Wales, the North-West and North-East, West Midlands and London.

Speaking at the end of a two-day private meeting of the Shadow Cabinet aimed at putting finishing touches to Labour's general election cam*paign blueprint*, Mr Kinnock said: "We are not proposing for one second to have a national spray on jobs programme; it will be very much a targetted programme."

His remarks come only 24 hours after it was officially confirmed that 94 per cent of jobs lost in Britain since Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979 were north of a line from the Wash to the Bristol Channel. But Tory MPs are bound to criticize the Labour leader for proposing to ignore vast swathes of Britain, especially *in the South.*

Party chiefs agreed during their Bishops Stortford conclave to spend £6 billion to reduce unemployment by one million in the first two years of office. But Mr Kinnock disclosed there was increasing interest among his colleagues in proposals to discriminate in favour of the "continent" of unemployment in the North and the "archipeligo" of joblessness in parts of the South-East.

Areas with the most need for construction and environmental programmes, improved public services and industry would be "magnets for additional support proven on the basis of their need".

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Musical start for BA's flight to privatization

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The strains of *Land of Hope and Glory,* 50,000 state-owned balloons and an invisible Concorde yesterday ushered in the beginning of the British Airways move into the private sector.

The tune came from the BA band – *playing in a marquee* erected on the lawn of Lancaster House in the centre of London – the red, silver and blue balloons from the patriotic Department of Transport and the Concorde from BA to fly noisily above the clouds to impress on City analysts and journalists that "the world's favourite airline" is on course *for successful privatization* next month.

Whether the City institutions have been impressed enough to subscribe for the 60 per cent of shares on offer in Britain will not be apparent until after 10 am on Friday February 6, when the offer for sale is due to close and the 720.2 million ordinary shares on offer will have been allocated.

The BA share price will be announced on January 27 and is likely to be in the 120p-130p range. With the minimum *investment set by the Gov*ernment at 400 shares, the smallest outlay will be nearly £500.

This could rule out most of the "Sids" who bought shares in British Gas and it demonstrates also that buying shares in an airline is a risky *business best left to the* experts.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, launched the BA pathfinder prospectus yesterday and described the sell-off as "a deepening rather than a *broadening" of share* ownership. The Government was not attempting to discourage private investors but BA clearly was a different kind of company from British Gas.

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The BA sale is expected to raise about £900 million and will be followed by the privatization of BAA – owner of the country's seven busiest airports including Heathrow and Gatwick – and the Rolls-Royce aero engine company.

Together, the three sales should pump up to £3 billion into the Treasury and will add *considerable scope to the tax*-cutting hopes of the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson.

The initial BA prospectus, produced for the Government by Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, predicts a pretax profit for the year ending March 31 of £145 million and indicates a first dividend, payable in July, of 4p.

Up to 10 per cent of the share capital will be set aside for discount purchase by employees, 20 per cent allocated to overseas investors – with strict guidelines laid *down by the Government to* prevent the airline falling into foreign ownership – and the balance offered for sale in Britain. The offer for sale will

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I'm too worried about Edward's future to THINK about buying SHARES just now...
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Colonel kept $1m hoard in safe

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North kept a hoard of cash in his office at the National Security Council to pay expenses for the Nicaraguan Contras, Administration sources were quoted as saying yesterday.

For a while in December, 1984, Colonel North, dis*missed two months ago from* the NSC, kept about $1 million (£680,000) in his office safe, even boasting about the amount to colleagues, the *Los Angeles Times* said. The money was apparently collected from private donors in October and November, 1984, and held by Colonel North until he could set up a bank *account for it.*

One NSC aide told associates the cache "was more money than I've ever seen in one place in my entire life."

Ironically the safe was the *same one in which Mr Rich*ard Allen, President Reagan's first National Security Adviser, kept $1,000 in cash given to him by two Japanese journalists in 1981. Colonel North was one of the three NSC officials who discovered that money, and the controversy over it contributed to Mr Allen's resignation.

Leaders of the private network supporting the Contras have claimed that they received cash from the NSC in 1985, when Colonel North was in charge of contacts with the Contras.

The White House has said it would not necessarily be il-

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Texaco signals 10p rise

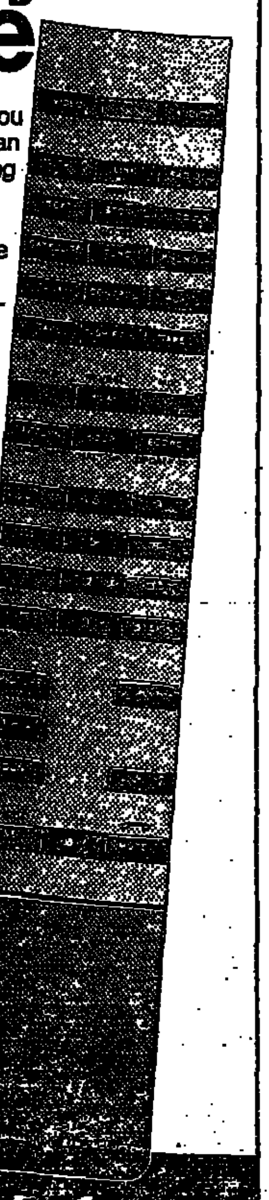
Texaco yesterday signalled a round of petrol price increases and blamed rising crude oil costs for a planned rise of 10p a gallon (Teresa Poole writes).

The increase is likelv to come into effect within two weeks and would take the price of a gallon of four-star petrol to about 178p.

Texaco, the fourth largest retailer, which said that a rise *was imminent,* appeared to be testing the response of bigger companies. "No-one wants to be first," said one company.

Shell and Esso both said no increases were planned at the moment. However, the companies would be keen for petrol prices to reflect the recent increase in the oil price by almost $4 a barrel to $18.30.

A spokesman for Shell said: "We do not regard the 10p rise as unrealistic but whether it sticks or not is another matter." British Petroleum said a price rise was inevitable *but that it would not be* immediate as cheaper crude oil was still working its way through the system.



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KGB official is sacked for corruption

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Mr Gorbachov's anti-corruption campaign has spread to the upper echelons of the KGB, a move which could have wide implications for one of the most shadowy and powerful organizations behind the Iron Curtain.

In an unusual departure from the KGB's obsessive secrecy, its chief, Mr Viktor Chebrikov, a close ally of Mr Gorbachov, yesterday announced the dismissal of a senior KGB officer in the Ukraine in a signed statement *printed on the front page of Pravda,* the official daily.

Mr Chebrikov, a full member of the ruling Politburo, informed readers that the officer, Mr A. Dichenko, was fired because of his involvement in the arrest on trumped-up charges of a Soviet reporter in the Ukraine who had exposed the abuse of power by local officials.

The disclosure and Mr Chebrikov's assurance that the KGB is taking further steps to ensure its operatives observe the law, astounded diplomats, who had assumed that the KGB was out of bounds for the new policy of *glasnost*, or openness.

Western sources said last night that the action of Mr Chebrikov was probably unprecedented since the execution of Mr Lavrenty Beria, Stalin's secret police chief.

"Until today, most of us had assumed that the KGB was outside the anti-corruption campaign because it is the main state organization charged with pursuing it," a European diplomat said.

"This is one of the most significant signs we have yet seen of the changes taking place to clean up Soviet society."

Mr Chebrikov made it clear that the Ukrainian KGB officer was sacked directly in connection with a report in the paper last Sunday identifying him as the "co-ordinator" in the arrest last July in Voroshilovgrad of the reporter.

The journalist, Mr Viktor Berkhin, aged 56, worked for the magazine *Sovetsky Shaktyor*, or Soviet Miner, and his arrest occurred soon after the publication of a controversial article in which he had exposed the abuse of power by police and local party officials.

Pravda sent two leading reporters to the Ukraine after readers demanded more details. The reporters uncovered a wealth of unsavoury details

Mr Chebrikov disclosed that the Ukrainian KGB chief, Mr Stepan Mukha, had been ordered to discipline other officers involved. "The Soviet State Security Committee is taking additional measures to ensure the strict observance of the law in the activities of the state security organs," he added.

Pravda reported that after the reporter's arrest, police ransacked his flat in their search for "evidence". He was jailed for two weeks on the ground that he had been found in a local hotel some years earlier dressed only in an undershirt.

Guards tribute to Macmillan the war hero

A first-hand account of Harold Macmillan's war-time exploits at the Battle of Loos in 1915, written by a fellow soldier 19 years ago, is published for the first time today.

Brigadier C.R. Britten, who served with Macmillan in the Fourth Battalion Grenadier Guards during the First World War, anticipated that the Earl *of Stockton* would outlive him and passed on the tribute to Major-General Sir Allen Adair to be forwarded to *The Times*

The Brigadier, who received the Military Cross in 1916, describes how the phrase "nearly as brave as Mr Macmillan" came to be applied by the Guardsmen to any act of bravery.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Domingo faces £100,000 claim

Concert promoters are suing Placido Domingo, the opera singer, for more than £100,000 after his withdrawal from a performance at Wembley Stadium last month, Our Arts Correspondent writes.

The Kruger Organization announced yesterday that judicial proceedings had been started "with a deep sense of regret".

Domingo announced on the eve of the concert that he would not appear because he felt that the tickets, ranging in price from £15.50 to £50.50, were too expensive.

This was disputed by the management of the stadium, which said most of the higher-priced tickets had been sold.

Mr Geoffrey Kruger said: "It is a sad day when one has to sue an artist one respects so much," he added.

Two of the singer's agents are named as co-defendants in the proceedings. Mr David Law, one of the agents, said he had "no comment whatsoever".

Domingo, presently rehearsing for the title role in *Otello* at the Royal Opera House, was not available for comment.

Telecom talks off

Disruption to telephone services is threatened after the breakdown of pay talks yesterday between British Telecom and union negotiators representing 110,000 engineers.

An emergency meeting of the National Communications Union executive confirmed a work-to-rule and overtime ban from next Monday. Further industrial action, if necessary, has also been authorised.

The Society of Telecom Executives, representing management levels, starts industrial action this weekend over its pay offer.

Scargill's legacy

Members of the National Union of Mineworkers will have to wait at least a month before being told whether their subscriptions will be increased by 30 per cent.

The money is needed to save the union from the deep financial crisis caused by the abortive strike led by Mr Arthur Scargill, their president.

The union is faced with a £2 million deficit with only £600,000 in the general fund.

But no decision can be taken until a special conference can be convened.

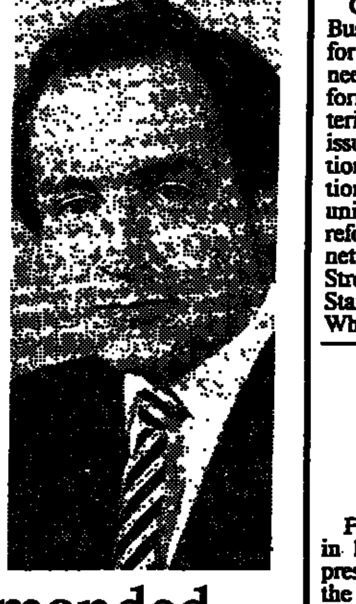
'Secret' Tube talks

Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen and Sir Keith Bright, chairman of London Regional Transport, have agreed that informal talks which could prevent next Wednesday's 24-hour stoppage on the Underground system should be held at a secret location.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the union whose 12,500 members employed by London Underground voted overwhelmingly for industrial action, said it was too early to consider calling off the strike which will affect 2.5 million commuters.

Before that could happen, he said, the union required "concrete guarantees" from managament on a number of issues, including pay and job security.

TV man banned



Alistair Stewart, a television news-reader, was banned from driving for 15 months and fined £120 by magistrates at Alton, Hampshire, yesterday after admitting being more than two times over the alcohol driving limit .

The court was told that Stewart was stopped a mile from his home in Ropley, Hampshire. He was breath tested and found to have 94 microgrammes of alcohol in his blood, 59 over the legal limit. Stewart, who pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol, also had his licence endorsed.

Barman remanded

Christopher Matthew Glass, aged 26, a bar manager and part-time fireman, was remanded in custody at a special court in Londonderry yesterday, charged with the murder of Mr Liam McShane, aged 24, a volunteer fireman, when a bar was burnt down in Maghera, Co Londonderry, on December 30.

Mr Glass, who is also charged with causing criminal damage to the premises and conspiring to defraud the Northern Ireland Office, was remanded to appear at a court in Belfast on January 16.

Jury-challenge opposition set to grow

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mounting opposition to the Government's proposal to end the defence right to challenge jurors looks certain to strengthen with the publication yesterday of the first research on how much defendants use that right.

The findings, released by the Home Office, show that it is used most commmonly in inner London trials involving several defendants, where the rate is 75 per cent.

But they do not show a link between the use of challenge and a lower likelihood of conviction.

Just under half, 45 per cent, of Director of Public Prosecutions trials in which one or more jury challenges were made ended with one or more convictions. That is roughly the same as the conviction rate where no challenges were made.

The interim findings, which have gone to MPs sitting on the Criminal Justice Bill, will fuel debate on the Government's proposal in that Bill to end the right of challenge.

They are certain to be exploited by the opposition which wants to see the right retained: but the Government, too, is bound to draw support from the findings for its case.

Mr John Wheeler, secretary of the Conservative backbench committee, said yesterday the figures showed what he had assumed to be the case: that the rate of challenge was high in multi-defendant trials in inner London where the offences were serious.

But that did not alter the case for abolition. "Where that case rests is that the public perception, largely through the media, is that justice is not being fairly done in as much as defendants are hand-picking a jury in their favour."

The public also particularly disliked people being taken off a jury "merely because of their appearance and a perception of what they might represent".

The survey shows a link between jury challenges and the number of counts on the indictment. The use is almost twice as great with four or more counts, as in those with one count.

The findings also show when defendants do use their right to challenge jurors, they use one, two or three challenges equally often. The maximum is three and despite some consideration of reducing that to one, the Government proposes to abolish it.

The Government faces strong opposition over its proposed abolition from Labour MPs, lawyers (including the Criminal Bar Association and Law Society) and civil libertarians.

Campaign is launched to 'modernize' constitution

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A new non-party campaign was launched yesterday by Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of British Rail, to persuade businessmen to back constitutional reform in Britain.

Called Good Government -- Better Business, it argues that the three main institutions of Cabinet government, Parliament and the Civil Service are failing the nation.

It claims that Cabinet government has been too short-term in its concepts, too reactive and too ideological. Parliament has become too raucous in style and over-partisan in debate and most legislation is too hasty.

Whitehall "has too many of the characteristics of a closed caste, hiding its decision-making processes and out of touch with the realities of industry and commerce". It tends to conceal its errors rather than learning from them.

Good government – Better Business plans to campaign for greater awareness of the need for constitutional reform, providing study material for businessmen on such issues as freedom of information legislation, the introduction of ministerial policy units; a Bill of Rights, electoral reform, the structure of Cabinet committees, Downing Street's Central Policy Review Staff and the reform of Whitehall.

Sir Peter Parker, who is a former chairman of the British Institute of Management, launching the new campaign, said that our system of government had failed us in our relative decline as a country.

Good management required openness.

But Britain was becoming "antiquated, inefficient and even undemocratic", with a steadily more presidential Cabinet, a stridently adversarial Parliament, a "closed circuit" system in the Civil Service and insufficient consultation between government and industry about national objectives.

Sir Peter emphasized that the new campaign, which planned to mail its material to 5,000 company chairmen and directors, was political but not party political.

Statements in support of the new campaign were issued yesterday by a number of figures including Sir John Hoskyns, formerly head of Mrs Thatcher's Downing Street policy unit and now director general of the Institute of Directors; Mr James Prior, former Cabinet minister and now chairman of GEC; Mr Alistair Graham, Director of the Industrial Society, and Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers and Managers Association.

Ford wanted to buy out Jaguar

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Ford wanted to buy Jaguar in 198O to give its dealers a prestige car to sell alongside the bread and butter Escort and Cortina models. BL rejected the Ford approach but industry sources disclose that negotiations were more advanced than the well publicized General Motors' bid for the luxury car maker.

Ford executives went so far as driving, at BL's Gaydon high security test track, early XJ4O prototypes powered by the AJ6 engine now used in the new XJ6 model.

The idea of bidding for Jaguar came when Ford of Germany told its Detroit masters of an interest in taking over the Jaguar franchise for Germany. Detroit executives agreed but suggested inquiring about the price.

BL eventually refused and Jaguar went on to be privatized in 1984 amid unconfirmed reports that GM had bought a stake.

Most leading car makers have considered ways of entering the lucrative luxury car market.

Auditor to investigate Brent contract

By David Sapsted

The Audit Commission is to investigate claims that the left-wing majority on Brent council has awarded a £16,000 contract to an outside public relations firm solely on the basis of its Labour Party links.

A complaint to Mr Brian Skinner, the Metropolitan Auditor, has been lodged by Mr Paul Lorder, leader of Brent Liberals, who said the decision to appoint the firm, Council Communications, was made on the recommendation of a single Labour councillor.

Council Communications is headed by Miss Veronica Chrichton, recruited from Labour Party headquarters by Mr Ken Livingstone as his personal press adviser when he headed the GLC.

Mr Lorber said: "I understand that Council Communications recently advertised in the journal, *Marxism Today*, and it would seem fair to conclude that the decision was made purely for political reasons."

He said the contract had not been put out to competitive tender and, because Brent council was already rate capped, could cost ratepayers £22,400 in lost grant.

"The whole episode is beginning to stink of jobs for the boys, or girls; a plague already inflicted on Brent by the Labour party's decision to appoint 13 assistants for Labour councillors at a cost of £500,000 to local ratepayers." A spokesman for the Audit Commission, responsible for seeing that councils spend money properly and provide value for money to ratepayers, confirmed last night that the claim would be investigated.

The £16,000 is being spent on a booklet explaining the role and aims of Brent education service, which this week began the introduction of race relations advisers in its schools, and which was embroiled in the dispute over Miss Maureen McGoldrick.

A council spokesman said that it was not necessary to put out a contract for consultancy work to competitive tender. The council's public relations department did not have the staff to prepare the booklet.

Local authority sources in London last night said that Council Communications was primarily involved in work for trade unions and Labour authorities in inner London.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, relaxing during his party's pre-election "summit meeting" at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, yesterday.

Owen warning on EEC farm policy

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen said yesterday that the EEC was in danger of "crumbling on the shifting sand" of the £14.9 billion-a-year Common Agricultural Policy as he put forward a sweeping four-point plan for its reform.

The SDP leader said that it now cost about £1.5 million a day to maintain Europe's food mountains and it would be "totally irresponsible" to ignore the problems posed by the CAP. European integration, cooperation and harmony were all at risk,

Dr Owen said that the threat of United States retaliation against the dumping of EEC foodstuffs on its markets was now "perilously close" after President Reagan's announcement that he will introduce 200 per cent tariffs at the end of this month unless agreement is reached.

The total CAP cost, which stems chiefly from subsidies and storage charges, amounts to nearly two-thirds of the £25 billion EEC budget originally proposed for 1987, which has since been declared illegal after additions by the European Parliament.

Dr Owen said the Community was limping along under a stop-gap funding system pending renewed talks after the pre-Christmasagreement on agricultural quotas.

Delivering the Bledisloe memorial lecture at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Goucestershire, Dr Owen told farming and land representatives and agriculture experts that the present system of blanket price support should be replaced with a two-tier structure,

Costs and output could be cut under arrangements by which farmers would receive a guaranteed price for production up to pre-determined quotas, with the remainder being sold and bought on the open market.

Under the two-tier system, already in place in France and applied throughout the EEC to milk and sugar beet, only those farming the largest holdings would be penalized.

Education authorities 'are too inefficient'

By John Clare

Representatives of the 104 local education authorities in England and Wales were told yesterday that they largely had themselves to blame for the mounting threat to local democracy.

Sir Peter Newsam, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality and a former chief officer of the Inner London Education Authority, told the North of England Education Conference in Rotherham that local government had serious and genuine criticisms to answer.

Too many education authorities, he said, were simply inefficient: they could not or would not balance their books; they could not or would not manage their staff; the children in their schools did not learn enough of the right things and too many did not seem to learn anything at all; and there was too much disruption, with children being sent home for trivial reasons.

Sir Peter said in such circumstances it would be hardly surprising if secretaries of state, of whatever political complexion, decided to step in. Yet, he added, a diffusion of political power was an important element in our democracy.

He urged local politicians to revise their views and sink their differences for the sake of the education service.

Mrs Margaret Maden, the director of the Islington Sixth Form Centre in north London, addressing the conference later, called for a development of a "more democratic" form of education for 16 to 19-year-olds. She said the traditional sixth form "had to go".

It should be replaced by a comprehensive system of adaptable and accessible tertiary colleges.

Teachers ask Baker to talk

By Mark Dowd
Education Reporter

The leader of one of the six teaching unions in England and Wales yesterday challenged Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to attend a full meeting of teachers and local authority employers to discuss ideas for a compromise on pay and conditions,

Mr Baker's Education Bill, due for a second reading in the Lords on Monday, seeks to replace the Burnham machinery on salaries with an interim advisory committee.

However, a further meeting of the Burnham committee has been called for January 22.

Mr Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Asociation, said: "What better setting could there be for a negotiated settlement than in the legal forum which presently exists to settle teachers' pay?"

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Buying council houses

Old image goes out with the door

The Government's statement of intent to break up Britain's council estates focuses attention on its policy to sell council houses to their tenants. *Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent*, talks to the residents of an estate who have bought their homes and asks how life has changed for them.

A glance is all that is needed to establish which houses on the Borkwood Estate, Orpington, Kent, have been sold to tenants. The first thing new owners do is to change the look to distinquish their home from the rest.

The door is the prime target. Among the 180 houses sold by Bromley council out of the estate's 250 houses there is a wide variety, ranging from Georgian to English cottage style, some hidden behind new porches. Doors have brass knockers and a carriage lamp next to them; many windows have been transformed.

Bromley has sold more council houses in proportion to its stock than any local authority, about 4,500 out of 21,000. It has supported the scheme since before the Right to Buy Legislation of 1980. It set up a sales team and uses a mobile office.

With 10 more properties in the process of being sold, at least 75 per cent of the houses on the Borkwood Estate will have been changed hands. .

The estate was built in the early 1970s by a private developer who ran into financial difficulties and sold it to the council which then completed it. Its tile-hung design and houses with two, three or four bedrooms, all with garage, make it attractive to buyers.

Rents were originally £20 to £25 a week; now they are around £40 and are due to rise by 25 per cent in April. The houses are valued at about £55,000, and the estate has always housed a cross-section of people from labourers to professionals.

On one wall a sign proclaims "Borough of Bromley – No Ball Games" but otherwise only the plain glass doors and the metal framed windows betray its origins. One owner said yesterday that "every now and then there is a bit of vandalism, the railings pulled up for example, which is a slight reminder that there are council houses about".

Buyers deny that there is any stigma attached to it being a council estate, but those who have been unable to buy feel there is. "You feel like a poor relation," one said.

On average, buyers admit spending about £5,000 on improving their property.

Those interviewed by *The Times* yesterday emphasized that they have always been proud of their homes as tenants, but that owning it gave a stake in the future, security and something to hand on to their children.

Initially those who made inquiries did not want neighbours to know.Mr Ken Scott, council housing sales officer, who had earlier been in charge of council lettings, said: "Once someone sets the ball rolling, others follow".

That has happened all over Bromley, even with flats which have been more difficult to sell. Since the larger discounts were announced on flats, and the maximum discount was raised from £25,000 to £35,000, inquiries are flooding in.

Over the past few years there have been about 1,200 inquiries annually. Last year the council sold 659 properties and in the previous year 900.

Mr Aubrey Burton, aged 69, a retired government inspector, and his wife Isobell, aged 64, say that home ownership has introduced a welcome sense of security into their lives as well as improving the neighbourhood.

After being council tenants for 20 years, they bought their four-bedroom property for £30,000 in 1982 and spent nearly £5,000 in the next few years on improvements. "At least we've got the feeling that we're doing something for ourselves," Mrs Burton said.

"Not that there's any stigma about being tenants, it doesn't affect how people regard each other. People have got more interest because it belongs to them — I'm sure of that."

Snobbery prevented Mrs Dorothy Hoffman and her husband Roland, both aged 65, from buying their house from the council for £7,500 some 18 years ago. But after house prices soared they felt, by their own admission, "really stupid" for not having made the move into home ownership sooner.

"Every now and then there is a bit of vandalism like railings getting pulled down which is a slight reminder that there are council houses about," Mrs Hoffman said.

Although home owners denied that there was any stigma attached to being a council tennant, an elderly widow, who asked not to be named for fear of upsetting her better-off neighbours, said: "I really feel the pressure and I hate it here. It was much friendlier before people started buying their houses. I feel like the poor relation."

The feeling of having something tangible and solid to leave the children was of great importance to Mrs Christina Gibbens, aged 51.

She bought the house with her husband Douglas for £17,500 nearly six years ago and more than £5,000 has since been spent on improvements.

However, Mrs Gibbens warned prospective buyers of council property to ensure that the neighbourhood had reasonable potential before investing heavily in its future.

Homes plea by bishop

More housing for sale will not solve Britain's homeless problem, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt Rev David Sheppard, said yesterday.

"If we care enough about the scandal of inadequate housing, we shall not be put off with talks about more houses for sale", he said.

Speaking at the Merseyside area launch in Liverpool of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, he argued that putting homeless families in bed and breakfast hotels and offering nowhere to many young people made a mockery of claims about a prosperous nation.

"I welcome more home ownership, but at the most that might offer housing to 70 per cent of our people. If we are to offer healthy living conditions to the 30 per cent who cannot afford to buy a home, we need a vigorous partnership between private and public sectors."

Officer in Brixton shooting tells of fear and excitement

By Michael McCarthy

A vivid account of the tension that built up in Inspector Douglas Lovelock as he prepared to lead a raid on a house in which he believed there was an armed and dangerous criminal was given to the jury in the Brixton shooting trial yesterday.

Setting out on the raid, which led to the shooting of a woman and the riots in Brixton, south London, in September 1985, the inspector felt "a mixture of excitement, fear, tension and apprehension," the Central Criminal Court was told.

Mr Lovelock told Mr John Domaille, the assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire police, who investigated the incident: "We were in good spirits, although I was extremely nervous inside. The adrenalin was really flowing although I did not want to show any emotion, bearing in mind I was the leader of this group."

The jury was told that Mr Lovelock had for three days been one of a number of armed officers searching for Michael Groce, aged 22, who it was believed had fired a sawn-off shotgun at detectives from Hertfordshire attempting to question him about an armed robbery.

On the day before the shooting detectives from Kennington, south London, where Mr Lovelock was based, discovered what they believed was Mr Groce's address in Normandy Road, Brixton, and the inspector was sent across to Brixton as an "authorized shot" to take part in the raid on the house early the next morning.

At the 6am briefing in Brixton police station he said, it was emphasized that Mr Groce was "extremely dangerous, having discharged a sawn-off shotgun," andMr Lovelock left with "feelings of apprehension", and when they reached the doorstep of the house there was a wait while a dog handler got into position.

"This did nothing for my sense of tension," Mr Lovelock said. "There was another pause while two armed police officers got into position. Then the chief inspector called for radio silence. My blood was thumping around at this point. I nodded to the officer with the sledgehammer to open the door and he did so with one swing. It went back on its hinges with an enormous crash."

As he entered the house, he said he had feelings of "fear and apprehension caused by the fact that I was about to confront a very dangerous man who had previously fired at police with a sawn-off shotgun."

❛ Christ, if it could happen to me, it could happen to anybody ❜

Mr Lovelock had earlier told Mr Domaille he had no idea that this was the home of Mr Groce's mother, Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce.

Mr Lovelock pleads not guilty to unlawfully and maliciously wounding Mrs Groce, whom he shot seconds after entering the house as they met at the door of her downstairs bedroom.

Mrs Groce, aged 39 and mother of seven, is paralysed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair. Two nights of serious disturbances swept the area after her shooting.

The jury was told that Mr Lovelock had told Mr Domaille this about his entry into the house: "Shouting 'armed police!' I stepped into the hallway and kicked the (bedroom) door open with my right foot. Almost instantaneously there appeared to be shouting and screaming from within the room.

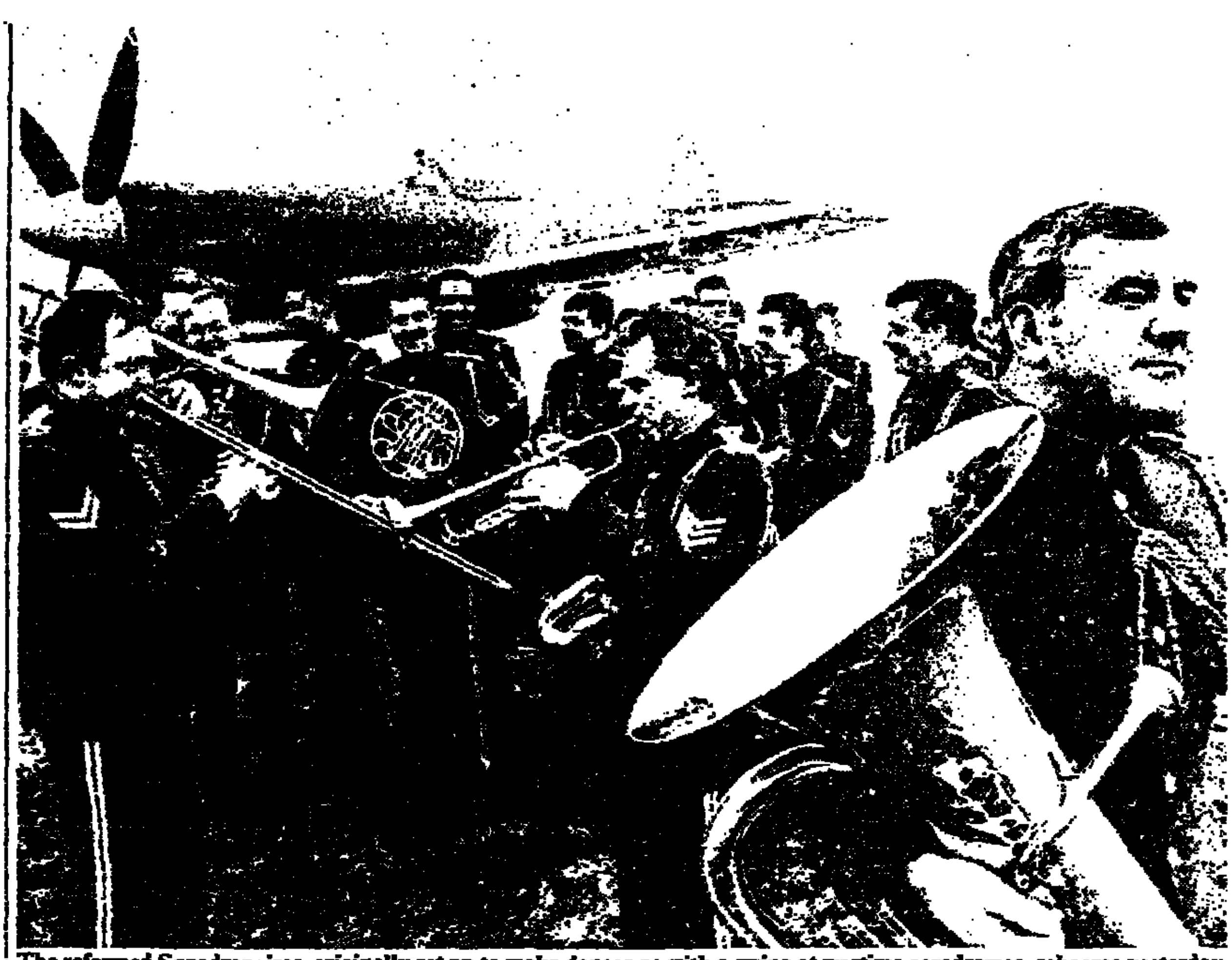
"As I entered the opening in a semi-crouched positioning, I levelled out the gun holding it in front of me with both hands in an operational stance. My finger must have been on the trigger at this stage.

"Immediately I levelled it out, before I had time to take anything into account at all, there was a shape coming towards me. I tensed up expecting someone to fall on me from the left and a shot rang out."

Only one or two seconds elapsed between the warning shout and the shot, Mr Lovelock said, and at the time of the shot he knew nothing about the shape coming towards him. The next thing he knew was a woman staggering around screaming.

Mr Lovelock said that he had quickly become shocked by what had happened.

Later when being accompanied back to Brixton police station by detectives, he kept repeating: "That could have happened to anybody. Jesus Christ, if it could happen to me, that could happen to anybody."



The reformed Squadronaires, originally set up to make dances go with a swing at wartime aerodromes, rehearse yesterday in front of a Spitfire at RAF Uxbridge, for a concert last night – more than 30 years after the band was honourably discharged. The new players are from the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. Pictured front are Corporal Adrian Greenhalgh on trombone, Sergeant Malcolm Baxter, trumpet, and Sergeant Les Jackson, tuba. (Photograph: Julian Simmonds)

Portfolio —Gold—

Holiday in Britain for family

Mr Kenneth Cooke, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, is the sole winner of yesterday's daily Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr Cooke, an employee of the Severn Water Board, and his wife have been playing Portfolio Gold since the game started in *The Times*. He plans to spend his winnings on a holiday with his wife and their four teenage children, whose ages range from 14 to 19.

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Gillick's son denies assault with knife

A son of Mrs Victoria Gillick, the morals campaigner, attacked a man with a knife during an argument, a court was told yesterday.

Ben Gillick, aged 18, pulled out a nine-inch sheath knife and cut Scott Crowson on the chest and knee, magistrates in Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, were told.

The alleged assault took place in Long Sutton last August.

Mr Crowson, aged 19, claimed that Mr Gillick made an offensive gesture at him as he was driving past.

"I asked him why he had made the sign – but he didn't reply," Mr Crowson told the court.

"Then he just pulled the knife out from his pocket. He said: 'If you don't get back in the car, I'll use it.' I walked back to the car."

Mr Crowson, of Walton Highway, Cambridgeshire, said he later discovered cuts about half an inch long on his chest and knee.

Mr Gillick, of Old Market Place, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, denies causing actual bodily harm and possessing an offensive weapon.

The case continues.

Diet link to mental illness

Many patients suffering from anxiety, insomnia and depression should change diet rather than take tranquillizers, according to two doctors.

Dr Stephen Davies and Dr Alan Stewart, of the British Society of Nutritional Medicine, believe many people have nutritional deficiencies which can cause mental problems. Yet potentially-addictive tranquillizers will not help if the symptoms are caused by inappropriate diet.

The doctors say in a new book that there is a high rate of vitamin B1 and B6 deficiency in psychiatric patients. Vitamin B6 and magnesium intakes are barely adequate.

Too much tea and coffee can cause anxiety and insomnia, and alcohol and tobacco impair the absorption of vitamins and minerals, they say.

Nutritional Medicine – The Drug-Free Guide to Better Family Health (Dr Stephen Davies and Dr Alan Stewart; Pan, £3.95).

Aids and the services

Forces may face screening

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Officials in the Ministry of Defence, which last night admitted there were several cases of servicemen known to be infected with the Aids virus, are considering whether compulsory screening for all serving military personnel and would-be recruits should be introduced to help curb the spread of the disease.

Mr Roger Freeman, under-secretary of state for the armed forces, said that several servicemen had been diagnosed as carrying the virus. At least one man had acquired it through a transfusion of infected blood.

Mr Freeman said: "There are a very few cases of servicemen carrying the virus. Each individual case has been dealt with on a case-by-case basis."

He said that there had been no cases of anyone dying from Aids in the ranks of more than 300,000 UK service personnel.

At present any soldier, sailor or airman returning from duty overseas is offered the opportunity for a blood test to detect the presence of the virus but the plans now being discussed are much more radical.

The legal question of compulsory testing is one aspect being considered by the principal personnel officers of the three services as, under present rules, it would not be permitted.

Also being discussed is the sensitive issue of what should be done in future with those who are found to be carriers of the virus and those who go on to develop the full disease.

The study to provide a set of guidelines for the Armed Forces for the future management of Aids has been going on for about three months.

Ministry officials will be looking at the experiences of the United States armed forces, where policy since last year has been for a worldwide screening of all active service personnel and recruits.

Because they are frequently posted abroad they sometimes need immunization with a live virus which could cause a severe reaction in someone with Aids. In a battle, blood for transfusions for field operations could be given by an unknowingly infected soldier.

At present all servicemen and women returning from duty overseas are offered the opportunity of a blood test as part of the Armed Forces campaign to combat any spread of Aids. The latest are the 600 men of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Highlanders, on their return from six weeks of training in Kenya where the disease is rife.

Two of the adventure training sites at Mombasa and Malindi are known to be frequented by prostitutes infected with Aids and soldiers who had sexual liaisons with local women were "strongly advised" to seek counselling with a view to screening.

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Secretary wins sex bias case

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs
Correspondent

A secretary has won a sex discrimination claim that she was victimized after alleging sexual harassment by her boss even though her firm had fewer than six employees.

A Scottish industrial tribunal ruled in favour of Janice McLean, aged 35, of Buckhaven, Fife.

The Equal Opportunities Commission is welcoming the ruling as a demonstration that small firms of fewer than six employees are not beyond the reach of the provisions of the sex discrimination laws, as many of them believe.

A commission spokeswoman added that the case was also important in that Miss McLean was not obliged to prove sexual harasssment; only that as a result of making the allegations, she had been victimized.

But the case may be one of the last of its kind. From February 7, all small firms – of which there various estimates ranging from two to 2.5 million – will be brought within the full scope of the Sex Discrimination Act 1986.

Miss McLean was awarded £350 for unfavourable treatment only, because as the Act stands the tribunal has no power to compensate her for sexual harassment as her firm had fewer than six employees.

Miss McLean brought the claim against her former employees, Levenmouth Enterprise Trust, of Leven, where she worked for a year until being dismissed in January 1986. She accepts the dismissal was based on job performance.

At the time she started work she and the trust director, Mr A. Lawrie, were the only two employees. Later a third person was employed.

She claimed that Mr Lawrie on one occasion kissed her and that on several occasions he had upset her by rubbing up against her.

She said she was victimized after complaining.

The trustees investigated her complaint but said she had not made out her case. They also endorsed Mr Lawrie's decision to change her duties, concluding that there were "shortcomings" in her abilities.

But in its decision, which has just been published, the tribunal says it is satisfied that after Miss McLean's complaint "there was a marked difference in the way which he (Mr Lawrie) treated her".

Childline shake-up as pressure grows

By Jill Sherman

The new telephone service Childline has undergone a management shake-up, resulting in the resignation of its deputy director, the demotion of the director, and the loss of five social workers.

Last month the service, set up to help children who are sexually or physically abused, or have other emotional problems, received 18,400 calls and added 4,000 children to its books. It called in management consultants when it found that it had completely underestimated the response.

Figures released yesterday showed that Childline had dealt with more than 8,000 cases since it began in October. It says that many more children are testing the line to see if anyone answers and others are afraid to speak when they call. It estimates that 10,500 callers are trying to get through daily, but it can cope only with 500.

Of the 4,000 new cases in December, 752 were cases of sexual abuse and 500 of physical abuse. The others mainly concerned problems with parents and teenage pregnancies. Twenty-six of the cases have been referred to either social service departments, the police or schools.

Mr Paul Griffiths, the former director, said yesterday: "We never realized that it would be sought after to the extent it has been, and the figures are growing and growing. The structure we had was not going to support an effective helpline for children.

"We initially expected the service to cost £500,000 per annum but now, because of the high cost of the calls, estimated at £50,000 in the first three weeks of the service, this has risen to £2 million."

After the consultants' report, Mr Griffiths, formerly a team leader for the NSPCC, was made head of research and development. The service is now seeking a leader for the project under the chairmanship of Esther Rantzen.

Miss Deborah Glassbrook, the deputy director, resigned before Christmas.

The spokeswoman also said that Childline had decided not to renew the contracts of five social workers. The service employs 19 full-time social workers and six part-time. Nearly 100 more volunteers help to man the service.

It is understood that the social workers objected to the use of volunteers and argued that all counsellors should be trained social workers.

The organization said yesterday that most of the volunteers had prior training as counsellors in various jobs, mostly dealing with children.

BBC claims Christmas TV victory

The BBC yesterday claimed a victory over ITV in its annual contest to dominate Christmas viewing, Our Media Correspondent writes.

***EastEnders*, the soap opera shown twice on Christmas Day, attracted the highest audiences recorded since the current measurement system was started in 1981.**

According to figures released by Barb, the ratings measurement service, the two episodes each attracted an audience of around 30 million.

The previous record audience was 24 million for an episode of *EastEnders* shown in February, 1986.

Of the top 10 programmes shown during Christmas week, eight were produced by the BBC. The only ITV programmes to have made the top 10 were the December 22 episode of *Coronation Street*, with 15 million viewers, and the James Bond film, *The Spy Who Loved Me*, with 14.8 million viewers.

Imitation gun terrified traffic warden

A traffic warden was so frightened by a gun pointed at her by a motorist that she was unable to move, magistrates at Swindon, Wiltshire, were told yesterday.

But the court was told the "western style revolver" pointed at Mrs Judith Burke as a joke was a toy.

The car driver, Ian Keefe, aged 34, a sales manager, was ordered to pay £400 fines and costs, including £25 compensation for the "fear and distress" to the traffic warden.

Keefe, of Rugwood Road, Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire, admitted using threatening behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

He said he had no intention to frighten the traffic warden or commit any crime by using the imitation firearm.

Two guns seized by police, including the one pointed at the traffic warden, were toy cap guns belonging to Keefe's son aged seven.

Holidaymakers prefer specialists

Small holiday companies specializing in one country or type of holiday are the most popular with their customers, according to this month's *Holiday Which?*

Specialists took the top eight places in a survey in which readers were asked whether they would recommend their tour operator to a friend. Many of the most highly-rated companies were direct-sell operators, taking most or all their bookings direct from the public rather than through a travel agent.

Of the three biggest operators, Thomson finished in twenty-fourth place, ahead of Horizon in twenty-ninth. Intasun and two of its subsidiaries, Global and Lancaster, were among the four lowest-rated companies.

The highest-rated companies were Vacances-Franco-Britanniques, DFDS Longship, Eurocamp, Travel Club of Upminster, Swiss Travel Service, Timsway, Canvas Holidays and Meon Travel.

Holiday Which? says that standards have varied little in the past two years.

The magazine also reported that there is a clear case for setting up a trial of rear-facing seats in airliners, which would save lives in crashes as more than 80 per cent of those who die suffer head injuries.

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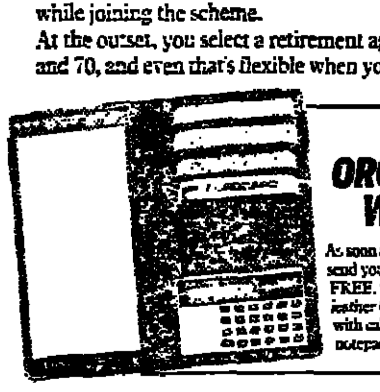

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Jobless men facing higher risk of death, says survey

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Unemployment is an important part of a "descending spiral" of loss of social status, health, home and family, and a higher risk of death, according to a scientific study published in the *British Medical Journal* today. Men without a job in the 1980s have less chance of finding work and face greater hazards and hardships than was the case a decade ago, the journal reported.

The health risks are biggest where jobs are hardest to find, and it is likely that their wives' health will also suffer, the study says.

Deaths among men who were seeking work in 1981, and who died between then and 1983, were examined and compared with the deaths among men who were without work in 1971 and whose cases had been followed up.

Those out of work in 1971 were more likely than those who then had jobs "to experience in the following decade further unemployment, downward social class mobility, loss of owner-occupied housing, and marriage breakdown," the authors of the study say.

The study, by the social statistics research unit at the City University, London, and the clinical epidemiology and social medicine department at St George's Hospital medical school, London, tried to discover whether the impact of unemployment is worse now than it was 10 or more years ago.

The researchers examined whether there was now a weaker or stronger link between unemployment and death statistics.

If more "ordinary" people were now affected by unemployment than was the case in the 1970s, as suggested by earlier studies, the link might be weaker.

Conversely, unemployment now was generally of longer duration, and for many people there was less prospect of getting a job. That would suggest an increase in adverse health consequences.

The researchers found striking similarities between the groups. They had similarly high death rates from suicide, accidents, poisoning, lung cancer and heart disease.

The men from the seventies were more prone than other men then were to suicide, lung and heart disease.

Those out of work in 1981 tended to come from socially disadvantaged sections of society in 1971, such as the unemployed, the unskilled, council house tenants, and those who were separated and divorced.

The risk of unemployment in England and Wales in 1981 was greater for men in the north, west and central regions than for those in the South and the East.

The researchers say their findings indicate that "there is a descending spiral in which some people become increasingly at risk from one form of disadvantage after another. Unemployment may not be the principal link in this chain, but it is clearly an important link."

The study showed a high rate of death within the following two years among men, aged between 16 and 44, who were seeking work in 1981. There was also a high mortality rate in 1983 among men aged between 45 and 64 who had been looking for a job in 1981.

The high mortality could not be explained by either the pre-existing health of those groups or their socio-economic state before unemployment, the study found.

Mr Richard Branson, the entrepreneur, poses for a portrait to be painted by Mr Waldron West, aged 82, of East Grinstead, Sussex. The £1,500 fee will go to the cancer appeal run by the Royal Marsden Hospital, London (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

£100m development for historic railway town

British Rail Engineering's former works at Swindon, Wiltshire, is to be redeveloped in a £100 million scheme, announced yesterday, which could soon bring 4,000 new jobs to the historic rail town.

The 150-acre site is to house a shopping, housing and business complex which would include a hotel.

Part of the renowned engineering facility — the spring shop, brass foundry and associated machine shop — will be retained. This will save 120 jobs and will also bring an extra 92 jobs with new associated engineering projects.

The plans for the site, which was at the centre of railway history for more than 100 years, were disclosed when BR Engineering Ltd announced that it had accepted an offer of more than £9 million by White Horse Holding Ltd, to buy the site.

The works closed last year but about 400 men are still working there, mostly on the rundown of the site.

The successful company comprises Tarmac Construction, Raglan Property Trust, Redman Engineering and Kembrey Engineering.

White Horse has agreed to give two of the former work sheds to an independent trust to provide for a heritage workshop museum on the site founded by the former Great Western Railway.

Father of shot boy found with wrists cut

The jailed father of a boy aged five, accidentally shot dead by a police marksman, was recovering in hospital yesterday after being found with slashed wrists.

John Shorthouse, aged 27, was discovered with the injuries when the cells were unlocked at Long Lartin top-security jail in Worcestershire. He is serving a five-year sentence for armed robbery.

His son, also named John, died in August 1985 when police investigating a robbery called at the family flat in Barratts Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.

PC Brian Chester, the marksman who shot the boy, was charged with manslaughter, but acquitted. This week he was promoted to sergeant after returning to his duties in Coventry.

Extra year for death driver

William Peter Francis, aged 37, of Toxteth, Liverpool, serving nine years for robbery, was jailed for a further year consecutive when he pleaded guilty at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday to causing two deaths by reckless driving while drunk. He was disqualified from driving for 10 years.

Francis was involved in a collision with another car and his rear-seat passengers, Miss Mary Mitchell, aged 30, and Mr John Wallace, aged 39, were killed.

Wapping pair bound over

Charges against two men alleged to have committed offences outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, were dismissed at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Hugh Gammages, aged 48, of Sutton, south London, denied obstructing police and being drunk and disorderly. He was bound over in the sum of £50. Peter Lawson, aged 40, of Stepney, east London, denied threatening behaviour. He was bound over in the sum of £50.

Driving ban on detective

William Durrant, aged 27, a detective constable with King's Lynn police, was yesterday banned from driving for 15 months and fined £150.

Durrant pleaded guilty at King's Lynn Magistrates' Court to driving an unmarked police car while under the influence of drink and having a defective tyre. He had more than twice the legal amount of alcohol in his blood.

'Yes Minister' is rewarded

Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, authors of the *Yes Minister* television series, are to receive a Campaign for Freedom of Information award.

Others to win the award include Ms Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, who campaigned for the right to report on documents read in open court, and Mr Ronald Walker, a former detective, whose exposure of practices by some Kent police officers raised crime clear-up rates.

Inquiry into loss of tanker

The Department of Transport is to hold an inquiry into the loss of the British tanker, Syneta, and its crew of 12 off Iceland on Christmas Day.

The private investigation, undertaken at the request of Gibraltar, where the vessel was registered, will be conducted by a marine surveyor.

Girl called to rebut lover plea

The girl friend of a man accused of a sex killing was called yesterday as an unexpected witness in his trial.

Miss Debbie Ganes, aged 16, who was allowed to write down her address, was called as a prosecution witness to rebut Gary Taken's claim that he was having a secret affair with the girl he is accused of murdering, Miss Tessa Howden, aged 19.

Mr Taken, a scaffolder aged 20, denies strangling Miss Howden with her tights after sexually assaulting her in her bedroom at her parents' home in Foxearth Spur, Selsdon, Surrey, last January. He has not given evidence at the Central Criminal Court.

But his mother, Mrs Carol Taken, has told the jury that her son claimed Miss Howden had let him in to the house for sexual intercourse on the night she was murdered and he had left her unharmed.

Mr Martin Brennan, a barman, called by the defence, said he was "95% sure" he saw Mr Taken and Miss Howden holding hands in a Croydon public house in November 1984.

But Miss Ganes said yesterday she remembered going with Mr Taken to the Crescent Arms, Whitehorse Road, Croydon, about that time. She recognized Mr Brennan as having been the barman.

Miss Ganes, who has light brown hair, said that at the time it was highlighted and could have looker fairer, Miss Howden's.

Before going into the witness box, Miss Ganes was called into court for 30 seconds while Mr Brennan was in the witness box.

After seeing her, he insisted he was almost certain it was Miss Howden and not Miss Ganes he had seen at the Crescent Arms.

The jury has been told that Mr Taken was charged with the murder after his prints were found in Miss Howden's blood in her bedroom.

At his home in Heather Way, Selsdon, detectives found Miss Howden's swimsuit.

The trial continues today.

£5m dockland scheme for concert orchestra

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

A leading international orchestra is to create a rehearsal and recording complex in a former hydraulic pumping station in London's docklands.

The £5 million project by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields will provide the chamber ensemble with a permanent home and the public with a unique opportunity to watch musicians rehearsing for concert performances.

Full planning permission is expected soon for the conversion of the Victorian pumping station, a Grade II listed building, at Shadwell Basin in Wapping, east London. The academy says that when it is completed in November next year, it will be the only centre of its kind in the world.

The complex will include a viewing gallery, from which the public may watch the rehearsal, before being transported by river bus to a concert at the South Bank Centre.

Sir Neville Marriner, the artistic director, said: "It is extraordinary how perfectly this combination of former industrial buildings leads itself to the academy's needs. Its soaring interiors will provide superb working space for musicians and technicians alike."

The academy has contributed £500,000 towards the venture and an international fund-raising campaign has been launched to secure the balance.

Mr Reg Ward, chief executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation, welcomed the scheme as a great cultural contribution to the area.

Although the former pumping station, which was built in 1890 and closed in 1977, will not be designated a concert hall, there will be facilities for the orchestra to perform before invited audiences. The studios will also be open to other musicians.

It is envisaged that the recording studio will be used for making film soundtracks and for television and radio broadcasts.

Public facilities will include a restaurant opening on to a waterfront terrace, a museum depicting the history of the area, and a shop.

The academy, which is to become a resident chamber orchestra at the South Bank Centre later this year, also announced long-term plans to develop into a larger, symphony orchestra.

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Amphetamine seizures rise by 42% as traffickers turn to cheaper supplies

Poor man's cocaine becomes a growing menace to Britain

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new drugs menace is threatening Britain after it was *disclosed* yesterday that there has been a 42 per cent rise in seizures of amphetamines – known as the "poor man's cocaine".

The huge *rise* in smuggling has led to the formation of a new customs and excise team to combat this particular threat.

Mr Richard Lawrence, chief investigation officer of customs and excise, said yesterday that much of the amphetamine was being processed in The Netherlands. Eighty-six per cent of the total seized had been in private vehicles coming from the Continent.

Amphetamine is a fraction of the cost of cocaine. Last year 37kg was seized compared with 26kg the year before.

Annual statistics released yesterday show that the international lead taken by Britain in the fight against the drugs menace is beginning to pay off.

Customs investigators said that there was a 45 per cent drop in the heroin seized in the United *Kingdom* last year.

There was also a dramatic *reduction in the quality* of the heroin detected from up to 80 per cent purity in previous years. Last year it was down to between 5 and 30 per cent, often heavily mixed with other drugs such as phenobarbitone.

To trained investigators this *has added significance*. Seizures are often at ports of entry and the smuggling rings prefer to send in high quality drugs and adulterate them later. High quality heroin imported in one go is reckoned to be a more profitable exercise than sending more, poorer *consignments*.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, is to take international co-operation a stage further later this month when he chairs a meeting in London of the so-called Pompidou Group of Ministers which combats, *under the auspices of the* Council of Europe, abuse and trafficking.

Mr Mellor yesterday presented a BN2B-27 Islander short take-off and landing aircraft to the Peruvian Ambassador, Señor Carlos Raffo Dasso. *It is for use by* Peruvian police against cocaine traffickers and in search-and-destroy missions against rural cocaine factories.

Drug smugglers are being driven to new measures. Although *the quantity of heroin* seized in *the UK last year* was less than the 1985 total, the number of heroin seizures was up from 178 to 295 – a 65 per cent increase.

The main reason was the many individuals, especially West *Africans*, arrested in possession of the drug almost always concealed *internally*.

Mr Lawrence described as "significant" the emergence of West Africa as a transit area and source for drug couriers. Twenty per cent of the total quantity of heroin seized came from South-west Asia via Nigeria.

Much more is being carried by couriers internally – what investigators call "stuffing" or "swallowing". Thirteen per cent of the total amount of heroin and 11 per cent of cocaine detected was being smuggled internally in 1986.

Although the amount of *heroin* seized *in* the UK dropped from 334kg in 1985 to 183kg *last year, foreign* seizures, often with British help, have hit supplies. Indian and Pakistani authorities seized more than 7,000kg during the year, almost 20 times the amount *UK* investigators took in 1985, a record year.

The UK has four drug intelligence officers on the sub-continent. Two liaison officers are in Latin America, *one in the Caribbean, one* in the Mediterranean area and one is soon to be posted to Europe.

Another 210kg was found in The Netherlands, concealed in a container. It was not necessarily *destined* for the UK, but reduced the total amount available. And *a further* 24.6kg of heroin was seized by foreign law enforcement agencies during 1986 because of information given by customs or investigations co-ordinated by them.

The subtlety of international co-operation is shown by the way customs men may treat passengers' *baggage in transit to foreign* countries when drugs are detected inside.

They keep them under what is called "controlled conditions". Officers travelling incognito keep the smuggler under surveillance during the flight and point out him, *or her, to waiting officers in* the country of arrival to help them seize the consignment.

As a result, 18.7kg of heroin and 14.1kg of cocaine were seized and 20 people arrested by foreign law enforcement agencies.

The Pakistan authorities had been effective in combating the growing of the opium poppy in 1984-85 and the crop was poor. That had reduced supplies of heroin early in the year. The increasing addiction problem in source and transit countries had also created further demands on supplies.

All told during 1986 customs officers seized illegal drugs with a total street value of £85 million, compared with £107 million in 1985. But seizures of cocaine were up by 20 per cent, and cannabis was *8 per cent up*.

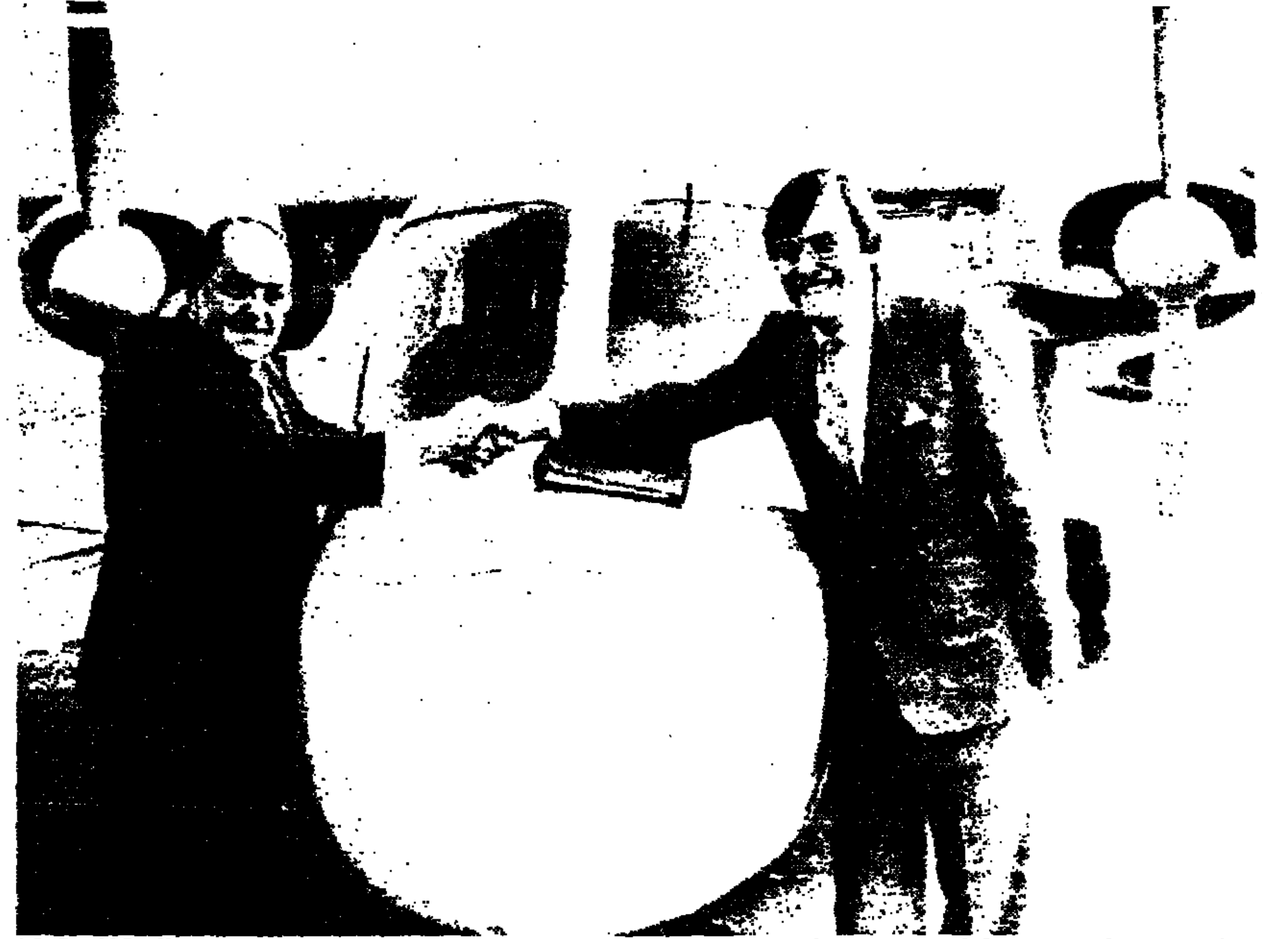
Jail inquiry on 'heroin cake'

Irish justice department officials are investigating claims that heroin and hashish were smuggled into Dublin's Mountjoy prison inside a Christmas cake for women *inmates*.

One member of the prison staff said the women were "high as kites".

***Prison sources said that the* drugs – and a syringe – were hidden in tinfoil.**

The justice department refused to comment. But one prison officer said the matter had been referred to senior officers.



Mr *David* Mellor (right) hands over the short take-off plane, which will be used on search-and-destroy missions to combat drug traffickers, to the Peruvian Ambassador, Señor Carlos Raffo Dasso, yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Cornish challenge to N-waste site

A bailiff appointed by Cornwall's *Stannary Court* will tomorrow challenge the authority of Nirex, the nuclear waste disposal agency.

Mr William Hendra will present a writ of possession at the gate of Reskajeage quarry, near Hayle, issued by the Stannary Court, the legal arm *of the Stannary Parliament* which was created in 1198 to protect tin miners' rights.

Mr Carl Skewes and his nephew, Mr Kevin Keen, both members of the Stannary Parliament, have been given permission by the court to work the quarry, where Nirex is carrying out research.

They claim that Stannary *laws supersede all other* laws in Cornwall, although Nirex *does not recognize the authority* of the court.

Nirex has put up a wooden gate topped with barbed wire at the entrance to the quarry. Mr Fred Trull, Stannary Court steward, said yesterday: "The bailiff is empowered by our laws to use sufficient force to *make an entry*."

● Villagers at Fulbeck, Lin*colnshire, who are campaign*ing against a nuclear dump being sited in their area, have helped with an *Emmerdale Farm* television script on the same issue.

Fulbeck is one of four potential nuclear waste sites being tested by Nirex. The storyline, to begin on March 5, will be based on the experi*ences of the villagers, mem*bers of Lincolnshire Against Nuclear *Dumping* (Land), who have campaigned against the tests for almost a year.

A spokesman for Yorkshire Television, which makes *Emmerdale Farm*, said yesterday: "The producer thought that the programme was the only soap opera that could tackle *this particular subject*. After all you can't imagine a nuclear waste dump around the corner from Coronation Street."

Mr Gordon Naismith, a local farmer and Land spokesman said: "This is a coup for us. It will reach an audience of millions who will see what it is like living here."

Council pleads for A1 improvements

By David Sapsted

County councillors are to make an urgent plea for millions of pounds of government money to make radical improvements to a 35-mile stretch of the A1 which is claiming lives at twice the national average.

Cambridgeshire County Council's transportation committee *last night received* a report showing that between 1981 and 1986 the section of the Great North Road running through the county had *41* crashes in which one or more people had been killed as well as another 240 accidents involving serious injuries.

Mr Brian Oldridge, the county's director of transportation, said yesterday: "Unless there is urgent action *by the Government, the situa*tion on some stretches of the A1 will become impossible within the next decade."

His report to the committee showed that there had been an 85 per cent increase in traffic in the past nine years to a point where, at present almost *40,000* vehicles a day – a quarter of them heavy goods vehicle – use the stretch of the A1 through Cambridgeshire.

On January 30 a delegation from the council, which acts as the Government's agent in looking after the trunk road, *will meet Mr Peter Bottomley*, a junior transport minister.

A *three-phase plan will* be put forward. The first step would involve closing the gaps in the dual carriageway.

The second stage would involve closing dozens of junctions along the most dangerous stretch, the nine miles between Peterborough and Alconbury and upgrading the road to three lanes each way *with flyovers* at *four main* junctions, a project likely to cost at *least £30* million.

A third, and lower-priority project would be to construct a third lane along the remaining 24 miles through Cambridgeshire.

7.5% pay award for police chiefs

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Regional police chiefs have been awarded a 7.5 per cent salary increase, the same as junior ranks but more than double the inflation rate.

The award will be seen by Conservatives as an aid to the *fight against crime, in keeping* with their policy of maintaining a strong police force.

The increase will be paid to about 280 officers holding the rank of assistant chief constable and above, or commander and above in the Metropolitan Police.

A commander at present earns £28,626 a year and assistant chief constables from £26,770. The award is in line with the 7.5 per cent rise paid to *140,000 junior* ranks last July.

The Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo), led by Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, had sought a 9 per cent rise which it said was needed to maintain differentials and encourage officers to seek promotion.

*The Police Arbitration Tri*bunal was called in to settle *the dispute between Acpo, the* Home Office and local *authority employers* who had offered 5.5 per cent for chief constables and 7.5 per cent for assistant chief constables and equivalent ranks.

A local authorities' spokesman said yesterday: "There is some disappointment that our arguments were not accepted *in full, but we accept the* award made by the arbitrators." The rise *is* to be backdated to last September.

Reward offer in £1m theft

A £25,000 *reward* was offered yesterday to try to catch a gang *who stole nearly £1* million from a security van in Nottingham.

Five masked men used a lorry and a railway sleeper to smash a hole in the van outside a bank on Tuesday. The money is being put up by Group 4 Security.

Cell hanging

Aaron Bird, aged 20, of Margate, Kent, on remand on a murder charge, was found hanged in his cell at Maidstone prison yesterday.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Russia wants joint deals with West

Helsinki – The Soviet Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, speaking here yesterday, invited Western countries to join Russia in forming joint venture enterprises in the Soviet Union (Olli Kivinen writes).

Mr Ryzhkov, who is considered to be number three in the Kremlin, referred to the first Finnish-Soviet joint venture agreement, signed on Wednesday, at the beginning of his four-day visit to Finland.

Under it Finland's national airline, Finnair, will restore the Berlin Hotel in Moscow and run it together with the Soviet travel organization, Intourist.

Mr Ryzhkov said the first such agreements would open the way for further joint ventures, which would be an important part of Soviet economic reform. There was interest in them in several countries.

Finnish trade specialists say, however, that the system needs much ironing out, particularly with regard to repatriation of profits.

Microlight challenge

Bangkok (AFP) – Miss Eve Jackson, a British woman piloting a microlight aircraft halfway round the world, said here yesterday she was hoping to set a new record for solo flights from Britain to Australia. She planned to resume her journey to Sydney sometime next week, via Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Miss Jackson, aged 28, who set out from London on April 26, is flying a British-made Shadow Series B plane weighing 330 lb. She said she expected to reach her final destination at the end of next month, completing the longest ever flight in a microlight aircraft. She was trying to prove that microlight planes were viable and deserved the attention of the British aircraft industry.

Chileans charged

Santiago – Chile's military prosecutor, Señor Fernando Torres Silva, has indicted another seven people over the ambush of General Pinochet's convoy last September (Lake Sagaris writes).

The four men and three women were accused of illegal association with the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, which claimed responsibility for the attack. Sixteen people are now being held.

The seven are accused of operating an underground clinic, in which three of the people participating in the attack were treated. Three of the accused are doctors, one a nurse, one a student and the others workers.

Pension stopped

Jerusalem – The board of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest commercial bank, has decided to suspend severance and pension payments to its former chairman, Mr Ernst Japhet (David Bernstein writes).

Mr Japhet, who was forced to resign last year following publication of the public inquiry report into the 1983 bank shares collapse, had been awarded $5 million (£3.3 million) – later reduced to $4.5 million – in severance pay in addition to a monthly pension of $30,000.

The suspension followed a vehement attack on these payments in the Knesset on Wednesday.

Karpov's age concern

Moscow (Reuter) – The world chess champion, Garry Kasparov, right, believes Anatoly Karpov, the arch-rival he defeated to clinch the title last October, may face problems when he meets another young chess star to defend his position as challenger.

In an interview yesterday with *Pravda*, Kasparov, aged 23, said the former champion, 35, was unchallenged among chess players of his generation. But he said younger players such as world number three Andrei Sokolov, aged 24, held the upper hand today. "If 35 years was the age of maturity for chess players in the past, chess has now grown younger and Karpov will have to look for extra energy in his match with Sokolov."

González on tour

Madrid – Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, begins visits today to Egypt and Tunisia, which are seen by Madrid as promoting EEC efforts to relaunch a dialogue in the Middle East (Richard Wigg writes).

The six-day visit is the culmination of many months of wooing by Spain of its Arab and Mediterranean neighbours after the setback to relations caused by its recognition of Israel a year ago.

Nicosia blast

Nicosia (Reuter) – A bomb was detonated by security forces close to the Gulf Air offices in Nicosia last night, apparently after a warning had been given, witnesses said.

The blast rocked a suburban area just north of the main shopping centre after police had already cordoned it off.

Unconfirmed reports said a suspicious bag had been removed 20 minutes earlier from near the entrance to a travel agency.

Artillery barrage on airport ignites violence in Beirut

Firemen trying to control the fire on the Middle East Airlines Boeing 727, which was hit during the shelling of Beirut airport.

Flights are halted as shells set jet on fire

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

Beirut airport came under fire from a barrage of artillery shells which destroyed a passenger plane shortly after it landed yesterday. The attack led to battles that left several civilians dead on both sides of the "green line".

It was an accurate artillery job. One of the nine shells that exploded in a reduced area of the tarmac set on fire the Boeing 707 of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines, which had just arrived from Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

All the passengers had disembarked and were waiting for their luggage inside the terminal when the shelling started. One man was said to have been injured.

The Lebanese authorities said the airport would be closed until further notice.

The various factions in Beirut blamed one another for the attack: Muslim leaders blamed the Christian militia, while the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio accused the Palestinian gunmen in the nearby hills.

There is vast ground for speculation. The Christians have been pressing for the opening of an international airport in Halat near east Beirut, but the idea has been rejected by Muslim leaders, who see the project as a move which would confirm the *de facto* partition of the Lebanese capital. Muslim militiamen yesterday described the shelling as a way to put pressure on them.

Beirut's international airport is under the control of the Shia Muslim Amal militia.

The PLO and Amal have been waging a bloody war for nearly two years, and the conflict is taking a decisive turn, especially around the besieged Palestinian refugee camps of Chatilla and Bourj el-Barajneh, north of the airport.

Artillery rounds later blasted streets in the Christian district of Hadath and in the predominantly Shia Muslim southern suburbs. Six people were killed and 24 wounded by tank fire in east Beirut.

Last night the Christian radio station said a car loaded with dynamite exploded in the Christian town of Zahle in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley.

● **Chamoun claim:** A previously unknown Christian faction said it was behind an attempt to kill the former Lebanese Christian president, Mr Camille Chamoun, in Beirut yesterday (Reuter reports).

Three of Mr Chamoun's bodyguards and four passers-by were killed and 40 people were wounded by a car bomb that wrecked the 86-year-old politician's motorcade. Mr Chamoun escaped with a slight hand injury.

ANC chief urges blacks to carry armed fight beyond their townships

Lusaka (AP) – The African National Congress marked its 75th anniversary yesterday with a plea to South African blacks to carry their fight beyond their townships.

Oliver Tambo, president of the guerrilla movement, said at a news conference here that he did not expect a negotiated settlement to South Africa's racial conflict "today, tomorrow or the day after".

"I do not think any more diplomatic moves will make any difference," he said. "The way forward lies in the oppressed intensifying internal pressure and the international community intensifying external pressures."

He said white South Africans who question the policies of President Botha, should speak out. "If the opponents of democracy have their way, we will have to wade through rivers of blood to reach our goal of liberty, justice and peace," he said.

Mr Tambo said the violence in South Africa, confined mostly to black townships, "is spreading and must spread" to all areas, including white neighbourhoods. But he said the ANC would not specifically target whites.

Mr Tambo said the ANC opposed attacks on civilians, black or white. He criticized "necklacing", a form of execution which black militants have sometimes employed against suspected government collaborators.

He accused the Government of exaggerating incidents of necklacing and said police had carried out some necklacing and then blamed the ANC or its supporters.

In a radio address prepared for delivery last night, Mr Tambo said the ANC would "take the war to the enemy".

"We must create the situation where the enemy will no longer have the possibility of withstanding our assault," he said.

"Our mass military offensive must aim to increase the number of casualties among the enemy's armed forces ... and undermine the material, economic base which enables the apartheid regime to maintain itself in power."

Mr Tambo appealed to moderate whites in South Africa to join in the struggle for black rights. He said the Government was manipulating whites to preserve its power.

"They are being hoodwinked into believing there is a future for white-minority government in our country," he said, predicting that mounting internal and external pressure would bring big changes within three years.

In a speech to several hundred guests, including Mr Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's President, in Lusaka, Mr Tambo announced that the ANC would readmit expelled members and offer amnesty to blacks coerced into spying for the Government.

He also said members of rival black South African groups were welcome to join the ANC.

Mr Kaunda, in a speech at the Lusaka gathering, said no black government in post-colonial Africa had turned on its former colonial masters. He cited Kenya and Zimbabwe as countries where blacks and whites worked side by side.

Police investigate guerrilla tribute

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The South African police are considering taking action against opposition groups who placed full-page advertisements in support of the banned African National Congress (ANC) in leading English-language newspapers.

A spokesman for the police public relations directorate in Pretoria said a file had been opened after "numerous complaints" about the advertisements and would be forwarded to the Attorney-General as soon as possible.

The advertisements were drawn up by the United Democratic Front, the National Education Crisis Committee and the South African Council of Churches, and supported by 15 other political and non-political groupings, including the Black Sash and the National Taverners' Association, which represents sheebeen owners.

The advertisements, which were to mark the 75th anniversary of the ANC, showed a silhouette of Nelson Mandela, as well as an extract from his speech during his trial in 1964. They also showed a photograph of Mr Oliver Tambo, the ANC president, with the words: "Let the ANC speak for itself."

It accused the Bureau for Information and the South African Broadcasting Corporation of bombarding the people "with distortions and untruths about the ANC".

In a statement to the South African Press Association yesterday, the UDF said it knew the Government considered it to be an ANC front.

The Government, it declared, would soon have to come to terms with the fact that there could be no solution to the country's problems without the active participation of the ANC.

Meanwhile, South Africa's most powerful black labour organization, the 750,000-strong Congress of South African Trade Unions, yesterday warned the management of the country's biggest supermarket chain to negotiate with striking workers or face community and union pressure.

West German elections

Kohl conjures with jobless statistics

From John England, Bonn

The latest West German unemployment figures, published yesterday less than three weeks before the federal election, give Chancellor Kohl nothing to crow about at the hustings. Nevertheless, he will do so.

The Federal Labour Office in Nuremberg reported that the jobless total rose in December by about 150,000 to 2,218,000, or 8.9 per cent of the workforce. However, this was a slight drop on December 1985, and Herr Kohl can, and will, point with pride to the fact that 1986 was the first year since 1979 in which unemployment fell.

The conservative-liberal government parties yesterday greeted the figures for December as a sign of further improvement in the labour market. Herr Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, pointed out that, while the increase in unemployment was sharper than that in December 1985, the number of people in work was 600,000 higher than in the autumn of 1983.

Opposition Social Democratic Party spokesmen, however, said there were now 400,000 more unemployed than in October 1982 when Herr Kohl became Chancellor. The Trades Union Federation (DGB) also saw little to be pleased about. Herr Gerd Muhr, its deputy chairman, said: "Despite economic growth and increasing profits, the job market balance remains depressing."

According to a preliminary report by the federal statistics office in Wiesbaden, the total of people in work increased last year by 1 per cent to 25.8 million. Herr Heinrich Franke, the Labour Office president, predicts that the upward trend in the labour market will continue, even if it has lost some of its momentum.

The federal Association of German Industry (BDI) also cheered Herr Kohl by saying it reckoned that the assessment of German economic performance in 1986 would have to be revised upwards to show real gross national product growth of 2.5 per cent.

The BDI said the constitution of the economy had improved last year, the consumer climate was good, and the investment and "dynamism" of German firms had created more than 250,000 jobs.

Herr Franke said that there were about 129,000 fewer unemployed at the end of last year than in December 1985, although the increase in those out of work last month was about 14,000 higher than in the same month a year earlier.

Unemployment in 1986 averaged 2,228,000, or 9 per cent of the workforce, which was about 76,000 fewer jobless than in 1985 which had an average of 2,304,000 unemployed, or 9.4 per cent.

Herr Franke also gave Herr Kohl more good news by forecasting that unemployment in 1987 would fall by an average of 80,000 to 2,150,000. The Chancellor's speechwriters have made a quick note of that.

Fit Reagan back in harness

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, who will be 76 next month, returned to the White House yesterday after being given a clean bill of health by doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital. "I feel great", he shouted to reporters as he climbed into a limousine that took him to a nearby helicopter for the ten-minute hop to the South Lawn.

Presidential aides said he would keep down his workload for a while. A cat-scan X-ray, the final medical test on Mr Reagan, showed that he was free of cancer. Colonel John Hutton, his personal physician, said the scan, performed on Tuesday evening, "showed no abnormalities or disease other than evidence of previous surgical procedures

Mrs Reagan, wearing a suit in her favourite colour of bright red, joined Mr Reagan in shaking hands with uniformed Navy staff at the hospital.

● **Democratic hopeful:** Two days after leaving office as Governor of Arizona, Mr Bruce Babbitt took the first steps in entering the race for the 1988 Democratic nomination for President (Michael Binyon writes).

On Wednesday he filed papers with the Federal Election Commission and named a dozen campaign staff. He will formally declare his candidacy in March, according to Mr Duane Garrett, a Democratic fundraiser who is to be the chairman of the Babbitt for President Committee.

Mr Garrett acknowledged that Mr Babbitt starts as a "second-tier candidate". But he would stand out in the field because of his record in Arizona, where the economy had grown rapidly over the past nine years, his courage in handling a bitter copper strike there, his new ideas on social security and his strong environmental record.

Freeze in Moscow worst since 1940

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

With overnight temperatures dropping yesterday to a numbing minus 39 C – more than twice as cold as the average domestic freezer – Muscovites have been coping with the coldest spell of weather experienced in the Soviet capital since the all-time recorded minimum of minus 42.2 C on January 17, 1940.

Because of the cold, which poses an ever present threat of frost-bite, those forced out of doors are on constant watch for the tell-tale patches of white on the exposed skin. If one is spotted, the masochistic but only effective remedy is to quickly rub the affected area with fresh snow to restore the circulation.

Inevitably, the freeze-up – which has hit most parts of the Soviet Union with the ironic exception of those areas north of the Arctic Circle, which were warmer than Leningrad – has taken its toll of both men and machines.

Most outside labouring has been halted and the early morning has presented the eery sight of desperate motorists trying to coax life into their engines in the swirling *tuman*, or freezing fog.

Each Soviet driver has his own pet remedy for effecting the miracle and yesterday, Valery, *The Times* man, took two hours with a combination of boiling water, battery cables, ignited sticks and years of experience as a driver of heavy Soviet trucks, to start the office Volvo.

Once the engine is ticking over, with daytime temperatures not rising much above 30 below, it is essential to keep it running when making visits – which provides a constant reminder of the pollution caused by a single engine.

All over the city, Soviet-built cars and lorries are to be seen abandoned.

But public transport, notably the trolley buses and trains, have been running with a relative smoothness which would amaze those in Britain used to the havoc wreaked on our system by much lesser extremes of temperature.

For members of Moscow's large foreign community, the first sign that really severe winter conditions have arrived is often the early-morning call from the Anglo-American school to inform parents that it is closed as the mercury has fallen below the statutory limit of minus 25 C.

"It has been so cold that, for once in my life, I have felt sorry for the militiamen on point duty," said one Muscovite, aged 46.

Temperatures in Sweden have fallen to near-record lows and neighbouring Finland is experiencing its coldest winter since 1940 (Reuter reports from Stockholm). In northern Norway the thermometer plunged to minus 46 Centigrade yesterday.

Despite the weather, which has become a more popular subject of complaint than that other modern Russian lament, the Kremlin-induced vodka shortage, domestic life for most residents of the capital is made bearable by its excellent, centrally-run system of heating by hot water radiators.

Folklore has it that these too will fail at 40 below, but so far they have held out, and when combined with the local tradition of taping all windows in winter, they have made flats remarkably comfortable.

Since Wednesday, the only consolation for freezing Muscovites has been the news from Siberia that temperatures in the large Yakutia region have fallen to below minus 60 C, or what Tass described, in a rare touch of poetry, as "unimaginable cold".

France to hold back in Chad

By Nicholas Beeston

France made clear yesterday that it would resist being drawn into the worsening conflict with Libya over Chad, despite the French air strike on Wednesday against a Libyan radar installation in the north of the country.

While reports from Ndjamena claimed that Libyan jets launched renewed attacks against government troops at the town of Zouar in the north-western Tibesti region, the French Defence Minister, M André Giraud, told reporters in Paris that the French Air Force would not retaliate against Libya "every time a bomb drops in the sand".

France is committed to strike back at Libya if its forces cross the sixteenth parallel into the government-controlled region of Chad. The raid against the Libyan radar station at Ouadi Doum airfield was in response to a Libyan attack at the village of Arada on Sunday.

Asked about Libya's second raid 40 miles south of the demarcation line on Wednesday, the French Defence Ministry said the attack by a single Soviet-made fighter did not constitute a breach of the agreement.

An official confirmed, however, that France was increasing its logistical aid to the government forces, which are fighting Libyan troops on two fronts in northern Chad.

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French electricity strike

Tempers flare as power cuts continue

Parisians helping each other to board a crowded bus on the third day of the transport strike.

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In four days, the electricity workers' pay strike has had a greater effect on the French than has the three-week-long rail strike, and passions are beginning to rise.

People have learnt to cope with their transport problems, but it is quite another thing when you wake up in the morning to find that the electricity has been cut and there is no possibility of making a cup of tea, no hot water for a bath, no light to shave by.

You struggle through the traffic jams to work to find the office in darkness and freezing cold. There has been a power cut there, too. The lifts are not working, nor are the computers, telex, or photocopiers. People are trying to work by candle-light.

You go out to find a cup of coffee, but the local cafés have the same problem as you. The big department stores and banks are a better bet – they have emergency generators, but even one of these had gone on the blink in the Galeries Lafayette yesterday.

Shopkeepers in Paris have suffered a 20-50 per cent drop in sales, hairdressers are having to turn away clients for fear that the dryers will stop in the middle of a perm and dentists find their drills immobilized. Even some hospitals have been hit, although there have been no reports of lives having been endangered.

The cuts are all the more disrupting, and dangerous, because there is no advance warning. In Paris, firemen were called out more than 200 times yesterday to rescue people trapped in lifts.

At Gimont, in the Gers, reknowned as the capital of *foie gras*, an angry mob fired shots at strikers as they arrived to cut the power at an electricity relay station. The protesters then surrounded the station and refused to let the strikers leave.

At Caen, bakers spread 550 lb of dough around the local electricity company's offices in protest against cuts which had prevented them from baking fresh bread and croissants.

In Paris, some 50 shopkeepers and other protesters blocked the Boulevard de Charonne near an electricity power centre for two and a half hours.

Several companies, already suffering from the rail strike, now find themselves totally paralysed for want of a sufficiently reliable source of power for their machines and furnaces.

● LYONS: M Jean Masson, a baker exasperated by power cuts caused by striking electricity workers, baked his bread on a fire in the street here yesterday. He used discarded Christmas trees to stoke the flames and distributed the bread free to passers-by (AFP reports).

Congress astonished by Reagan retreat from anti-drugs campaign

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

To the anger and astonishment of both sides of Congress, President Reagan has abruptly retreated from the strong assault on drug abuse that he and Mrs Nancy Reagan launched before the November election.

Their slogan, "Just say No", was hammered home relentlessly in dozens of election rallies, in national radio broadcasts, and during a joint television appearance showing them sitting by the fireside in the White House.

Mr Reagan is now proposing swingeing cuts in funds for drug enforcement in his new budget.

Political friends and foes alike say they are nonplussed and that it looks as though the entire pre-election fanfare was nothing more than a gimmick to seize control of the drugs issue launched earlier by the Democrats.

The new budget would eliminate $225 million (£153 million) to state and local governments for drug enforcement in 1988 that Mr Reagan had himself included in an anti-drug Bill last October. The Bill additionally provided for states to be given $225 million in 1989, but that, too, has been eliminated.

The new budget provides only for a one-off infusion of $225 million for this year, already appropriated by Congress. Proposed drug abuse education programmes would also be curtailed severely under the budget, even though Mr Reagan was saying just a few months ago that education was the focus of his campaign.

Overall, Mr Reagan's proposals call for a $3 billion (£2,040 million) anti-drug effort in 1988, a slight reduction over this year. The figures mean that, despite all the impassioned rhetoric by Mr and Mrs Reagan, the White House has decided not to upgrade the drugs war.

Mr Charles Rangel, a Democrat from Manhattan, chairman of the House select committee on narcotics abuse and control, angrily questioned the depth of the Administration's commitment to an effective drug strategy. Other members of Congress of both parties bitterly rejected Mr Reagan's proposals, thus ensuring a battle on Capitol Hill to apportion more funds.

Amid a great fanfare, in the presence of congressional leaders and television cameras, Mr Reagan declared, when signing his anti-drugs measures just before the election: "The American people want their Government to get tough and go on the offensive and that is what we intend

Mrs Reagan took much of the credit in a tide of nationwide approval for the Administration's initiative and for advancing the drugs crusade to high national priority. She even presided over an international conference of the wives of leaders of the non-communist world.

Her seizure of the high ground in the fight against drugs abuse has done much to reverse her immense unpopularity during her early years in the White House, when her apparent preoccupation with clothes and lavish banquets brought floods of press criticism.

Amy Carter, daughter of former President Jimmy Carter, outside the District Court in Northampton, Massachusetts, after a pre-trial hearing in connection with her arrest at a university demonstration last November. Miss Carter, aged 19, was detained at the University of Massachusetts, where she was taking part in a protest against recruitment on the campus by the CIA (Reuter reports).

Her lawyer, Mr Leonard Weinglas, said he intended to call former US intelligence agents at the trial, expected to start in April.

With Miss Carter is Mr Abbie Hoffman, aged 50, one of the leading peace activists of the 1960s, who was arrested with her. Both pleaded not guilty.

India-Bangladesh border accord

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

India and Bangladesh patched together an accord to combat tribal insurgency on their common eastern border, as 24,000 tribal refugees in India prepare for their trek home to Bangladesh, officials said yesterday.

Mr Narayan Datt Tiwari, India's External Affairs Minister, and Bangladeshi leaders have agreed to start the repatriation of refugees from the Indian state of Tripura next Thursday.

About 29,000 Chakma tribesmen sought shelter in Tripura last year .

"Insurgency along the border has become a cause for grave concern," Mr Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, Bangladesh's Foreign Minister, was quoted as saying

Mr Tiwari said yesterday that both countries had decided to end cross-border violence, which led to more than 500 deaths last year.

At least 18 people were killed in a Christmas Day massacre, when tribal guerrillas belonging to the outlawed Shanti Bahini group attacked Ramgarh, a border town. The guerrillas are fighting for a separate homeland for Bangladeshi Chakma and Marma tribesmen.

Delors insists on thorough reform of EEC financing

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Against a turbulent EEC economic background, including the looming trade war with the United States and a possible realignment of the European Monetary System, M Jacques Delors, the Commission president, is due to set out on one of the most challenging tasks of his career.

He is embarking on a tour of European capitals designed to persuade EEC leaders of the need for a top-to-bottom reform of the way the Community is financed. He was planning to leave today, but sources said that because of the immediate budget crisis he might go tomorrow.

M Delors will begin his shuttle in Rome and Brussels and then go on to London, Paris, Bonn and other capitals. Officials said one of his toughest encounters would be in London. "Mrs Thatcher is not keen on overhauling EEC finances, to put it mildly," one official said. "Britain obtained its budget rebate in 1984 and Mrs Thatcher does not want the rebate system re-examined."

Other EEC leaders, including Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, who faces an election in two weeks, also oppose any increase in the rate of national VAT contributions to EEC coffers, now pegged at 1.4 per cent and not due to be revised until 1988.

At an extraordinary Commission meeting yesterday which approved his negotiating guidelines, M Delors stressed the urgency of the budget crisis.

Senior EEC officials say that because of huge farm spending and a fall in agricultural revenues due to the dollar's decline, the EEC will run out of cash by the middle of the year. This will endanger regional and social spending, vital to the southern nations and EEC "cohesion", and spending on research and technology, vital if the EEC is to compete with the US and Japan.

The EEC is operating on an emergency system of "twelfths" based on the 1986 budget following the failure to agree an 1987 budget at the end of last year. The Delors action programme involves:

- Doubling regional and social spending for the poorest EEC regions by 1992.
- Complete reform of the common agricultural policy, building on the quota and price cuts agreed under the British presidency of the Council of Ministers in December.
- A revision of EEC revenue raising, with national contributions based on a country's gross domestic product rather than VAT.

M Delors is seeking a long-term, radical overhaul of EEC finances, officials said, not short-term devices of the kind which averted past crises.

But Mrs Thatcher, who crossed swords with M Delors at the London EEC summit last month and only allowed him five minutes to outline his ideas, wants a specific list of immediate options with a precise idea of their cost.

The fight for cheaper European air fares and the liberalization of air transport will continue under the Belgian presidency of the EEC, Mr Herman De Croo, the Belgian Transport Minister, declared yesterday (Our Brussels Correspondent writes). But Mr De Croo, who has taken over the chair of the EEC Transport Council from Mr John Moore, Britain's Transport Minister, said he might be able to move only "step by step".

Sino-Vietnamese clashes

Thailand seen as key to struggle

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Fighting, triggered by China's policy of protecting Thailand and containing Vietnam within a limited sphere of influence, continued yesterday along the Sino-Vietnamese border, Western diplomats said.

"Thailand is the critical factor," said one diplomat. "The Chinese have indicated in the past that they will not tolerate Vietnam's projection of military power to include Thailand."

Earlier this month Vietnamese forces in Cambodia crossed into Thailand's Trat province. A few days later China retaliated.

"China wants to have good relations with the small countries around it, like Nepal, Thailand and Laos," said a diplomat. "But where Cambodia is concerned, China and Vietnam are like two dogs fighting over a piece of meat."

China supports the Khmer Rouge rebels inside Cambodia while Vietnam has, with help from Moscow, installed the Government of Mr Heng Samrin in Phnom Penh.

Last November Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, said "as long as Vietnam continues its anti-Chinese activities and aggression against Cambodia, China will not change its policy of exerting pressure on Vietnam along our common border".

Since the clashes began on Monday, both sides have claimed victory. Vietnam said that it had killed some 500 Chinese soldiers, while China said it had killed about 400. Military experts in Peking cautioned that such counts are often inflated.

Even so, the latest clashes are the most serious since May 1984, when Vietnam said it had killed more than 5,000 Chinese in several weeks.

The new engagements began shortly after Mr Yang Dezhi, the Chinese armed forces' Chief of Staff, left for Thailand to discuss military aid to the resistance in Cambodia.

Since 1979, when China first invaded Vietnam, most of their border skirmishes have taken place in three "boxes" straddling the border. The boxes, measuring several miles each way, are located in rugged terrain near Malipo in China's Yunnan province and near Cao Bang, south of China's Guangxi province.

The boxes serve as special zones devoted to war. Though China and Vietnam are constantly skirmishing, little territory is ever really won or lost.

Africans protest in Peking

**From Robert Grieves
Peking**

About 300 African students marched through Peking yesterday in protest against the contents of an anti-African letter allegedly written by a Chinese student organization and distrubuted to African embassies here.

The students also said they were demonstrating against an incident in which an African student was allegedly beaten by a Chinese.

Their protest came at the end of a month of demonstrations by Chinese students in 12 cities. However, demonstrations which had been expected yesterday, the eleventh anniversary of the death of the late Chinese leader, Mr Chou En-lai, failed to materialize.

The offending letter, which did not bear the customary official stamp of a Chinese organization, said in part that the Chinese would not "allow any Negro to hang about our universities to annoy Chinese girls and to introduce into our academic life manners acquired in tropical forests".

China could not be expected to feed the whole of "uncultured Africa", the letter said.

The All-China Students' Federation said through national media oulets that the letter was a "vicious trick" designed to undermine Sino-African friendship.

Several thousand African students study in China under Chinese scholarships, but many complain that they suffer from discrimination and loneliness.

"I want to go home," said a student from Zambia who had been studying in China for only four months. "The Chinese simply don't want us."

In May last year, 24 African students were besieged in a university cafeteria in Tianjin by 400 angry Chinese students, some of whom threw boules. The Chinese were said to be upset that the Africans had invited young Chinese women to a party.

The next month more than 450 Africans staged a two-hour march through Peking.

Yesterday they marched nine miles from the Peking Language Institute to the Sanlitun diplomatic area, seeking to present demands for "assurances of personal freedom" to the doyen of the African diplomatic corps, the Moroccan Ambassador, Mr Abderrahim Harkett. Amid shouts of "Africa!" and "back to the jungle!" from the students, he said he would seek to ensure the "dignity and security of Africans" living in China.

Revolt in House armed services committee

**From Michael Binyon
Washington**

In a surprising vote of no confidence, Democrats in the House of Representatives rejected Mr Les Aspin for another term as chairman of the powerful armed services committee, apparently in revolt against his conservative stance, which includes support for the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

But no other candidate was elected in his place, and Mr Aspin still has a chance to win back the job in two weeks time. His leading opponent is Mr Marvin Leath of Texas, one of the more conservative members of the House, who along with several other candidates will challenge Mr Aspin on January 22.

The secret ballot, part of a general vote on all 16 incumbent committee chairmen, reflects dissatisfaction by many Democratic liberals with Mr Aspin's support for the Administration over the past two years. As well as aid to the Contras, he has approved the building of the MX missile and higher defence budgets than liberals wanted.

Mr Aspin: dissatisfaction over support for Reagan.

Mr Aspin said he would heed the lesson of the vote against him. But it is clear that many Democrats believe they should now mount a tougher challenge to a weakened Administration, especially over Mr Reagan's proposals for a further increase in defence spending at the expense of domestic programmes.

Comrade Disaster's solitary war

From Jan Raath, Harare

The atolls of the Pacific with their marooned Japanese Second World War soldiers were echoed whimsically this week from the rugged valleys of eastern Zimbabwe.

Mr William Jimu Bonga, an ex-guerrilla of the Zimbabwe war of independence who bears the prophetic *nom de guerre* of Comrade Disaster, has emerged after eight lonely years to learn that the movement he joined is now the Government.

But he is happy about one matter — the knowledge that he is to collect £1,820.40 in demobilization pay.

Like the Japanese Sergeant Shoichi Yokoi, who was found in 1974 on Lubang island in the Philippines in hiding from the Americans, Mr Bonga spent his isolation without speaking to another human and hiding in a cave from the Rhodesian security forces. He chose November 11, the 21st anniversary of the Rhodesian Unilateral Declaration of Independence, to be found by peasants.

Attempts to obtain an interview with him yesterday were unsuccessful, but according to *The Herald*, Zimbabwe's chief daily newspaper, Mr Bonga left his wife and child in Chikombedzi in 1977 to cross into Mozambique to join the army of Mr Robert Mugabe, now Prime Minister.

He undertook the hazardous border crossing the following year after training, but a storm struck the group inside Rhodesia and they dispersed to seek shelter.

Mr Bonga lost his weapons and moved into the cave in the Tanganda area which was to be his home for eight years.

The Lancaster House conference, the ceasefire, independence, elections and the rest of Zimbabwe's recent history bypassed him as he slept by day, slipping out at night to drink water from boreholes and living off baobab fruit and sorghum.

"I thought the war was still on because I heard gunshots from a nearby military camp," *The Herald* quoted him as saying.

He was taken to the police and handed to the Army who, after establishing his credentials, delivered him to the ruling Zanu (PF) party.

Officials described Mr Bonga, who cannot remember when he was born, as fit, cheerful but not too bright. "The isolation of the whole affair seems to have shell-shocked him," said one.

But Mr Bonga — who appears to be in his thirties — exhibits little of the severe soldierly devotion of Sub-Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda, the second last of the Japanese imperial soliders to be traced, whose first words expressed shame at not having died for his Emperor.

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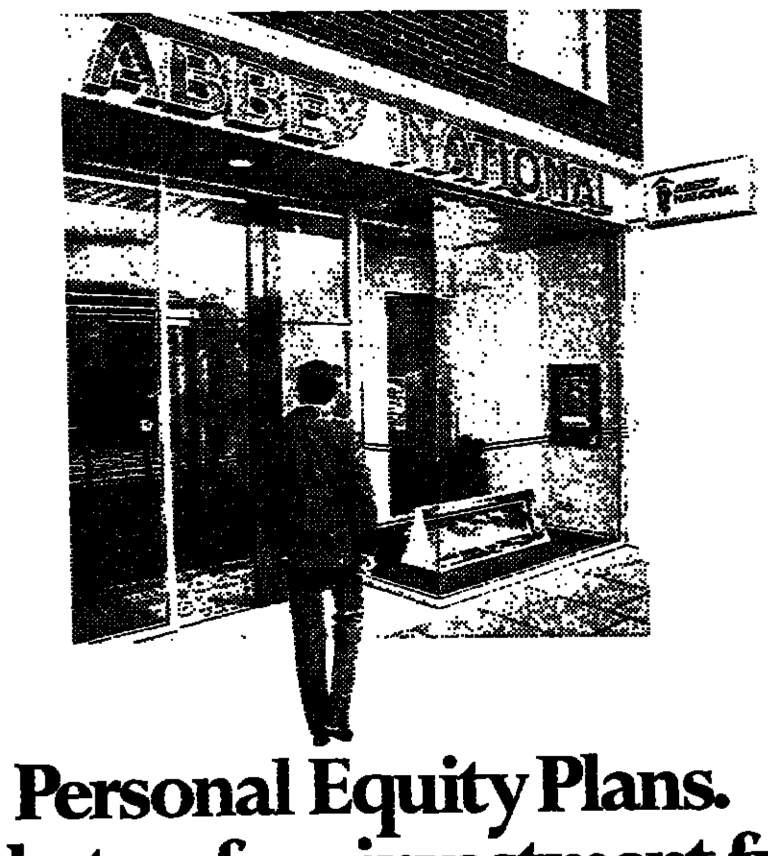

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The Sandinistas' constitution

US and opposition remain unconvinced

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

Nicaragua's first post-revolutionary constitution comes into force today, guaranteeing many democratic rights and enshrining in law most political, social and economic freedoms.

Yet the new Magna Carta appears to have done little or nothing to diminish the fears of government opponents that the Sandinistas intend to turn the country gradually into a communist dictatorship. Nor does it seem likely to reduce United States hostility to the seven-year-old revolution.

The Sandinistas say the constitution's 202 articles, hammered out during more than a year of public consultation and parliamentary debate, provide Nicaragua with its first truly democratic bill of rights.

> **❛ The Sandinistas say the constitution ... provides the first truly democratic bill of rights ❜**

When President Ortega signs the documents at a ceremony today, the Sandinistas believe their revolution will finally be "institutionalized" around the principles of political pluralism, a mixed economy and a non-aligned foreign policy.

Critics say it all means nothing unless the Government respects its own laws, they do not think it will.

"Many beautiful things appear in the constitution, but it is the manner in which they are complied with that matters," said Dr Eduardo Rivas, head of the Democratic Co-ordinating Committee, a right-wing political coalition which boycotted the 1984 general election. He remains convinced that "the Sandinistas are determined to impose totalitarianism in the country".

Opponents expect many of the new guarantees to be promptly suspended by the reintroduction of a war-time state of emergency under which the country has been governed for much of the past five years.

"Any constitution that can be wiped out by the stroke of a pen is not the kind we in the United States are used to," said the US Embassy spokesman, Mr Alfred Laun.

Despite repeated requests for government comment, no Sandinista official was made available to respond to opposition criticism.

The constitution was fully endorsed by only three of the six opposition parties represented in the National Assembly, where the Government has a two-thirds majority.

The main opposition Democratic Conservative Party also agreed to sign it, but half of its 12 deputies abstained from doing so. One favourable conservative, Dr Rafael Córdova Rivas, said the constitution contained none of the "great novelties" that had been expected of the Sandinistas.

The second-largest opposition grouping, the Independent Liberal Party, decided not to sign and is expelling three of its nine deputies who disobeyed party orders. A rebel deputy, Señor Constantino Perreira, said the new charter were less revolutionary than that of an earlier Liberal Government.

The tiny, far-left People's Action Movement instructed its single deputy not to sign what it called a "bourgeois" constitution.

The new charter guarantees the right to organize, demonstrate and criticize the Government to all political parties "except those who seek a return to the past".

"There are qualifiers all the way through some of these key clauses," according to Mr Laun of the US Embassy. "People can do things as long as it does not interfere with the revolutionary process."

Opposition leaders are concerned that no limit is placed on the number of terms a president can serve. "Perhaps in countries where alternability in power is the norm they can allow themselves the luxury of not applying a limit," said one leading dissident.

Freedom of expression, information and ideas, are also guaranteed, while the state reserves the right to prevent the media from "becoming subject to foreign interests".

Nicaraguan opposition leaders marking the ninth anniversary of the death of the anti-Somoza hero, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, with a protest against the closure by the Sandinistas of the newspaper he used to edit, *La Prensa*.

"It is a mockery," said Señor Horacio Ruiz, managing editor of *La Prensa*, the opposition newspaper closed down by the Government last year for allegedly supporting US policy towards Nicaragua.

"Lamentably, we speak of freedom of the press as an achievement of the revolution, when everybody knows it has not been respected by the Sandinistas."

> **❛ It does not show clearly which economic system is going to govern the country ❜**

The constitution protects freedom of religious beliefs and permits religious education in private schools, but the official spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church said Nicaragua's bishops would not be reassured.

"We want actions, not just words," said Father Uriel Reyes; recent talks between the Church and the State had yet to bear fruit. Church leaders are seeking the return from exile of two expelled priests and the re-opening of the closed Catholic radio station.

The constitution also guarantees the "democratic co-existence" of all types of property, including private, while stipulating that it must function towards the higher interests of the nation.

With the embodiment in the charter of agrarian reform as a means of redistributing land among peasants, described as "a strategic means of revolutionary transformation", private landowners foresee further expropriations of property by the Government.

"What they say in one place is contradicted in another," said Señor Jaime Bengoechea, vice-president of Cosep, the private business organization. "They guarantee only personal property — in other words, your toothbrush. The constitution does not show clearly which economic system is going to govern the country."

Costa Rica seeks negotiated peace

From Our Correspondent, San José

Costa Rican and US officials held secret talks in Miami this week, aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the Nicaraguan conflict, according to spokesmen for both governments.

Sources close to the talks say that Costa Rica, with the backing of Guatemala, presented a plan calling for concessions by both the US and Nicaraguan governments. The proposal is said to include a timetable for a ceasefire and guarantees that the Sandinistas will follow truly democratic procedures during their next elections.

The talks between Costa Rica's Foreign Minister, Señor Madrigal Nieto, and Mr Elliott Abrams, US Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr Philip Habib, President Reagan's special negotiator, were endorsed by the anti-Sandinista leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, at a press conference in Miami on Wednesday.

While denying knowledge of the contents of the peace plan, Señor Calero said: "We are sure it will not be a cosmetic solution, but a real one".

In a recent interview with *The Times*, President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica, who has opposed US support for the Contras, vowed that his country would play a "very active role" in finding a negotiated solution to the conflict.

He said that Latin American and West European democracies, and not just the US, must be involved in the negotiating process. According to a presidential spokesman, Dr Arias is going to Western Europe soon to promote the peace plan.

Political observers say the renewed US interest in peace talks appears aimed at improving the Reagan Administration's credibility.

Decision urged on boat people

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Hong Kong stepped up pressure yesterday on the Home Office and Foreign Office to formulate a policy on Vietnamese boat people.

The full texts of critical speeches made in the the colony's Legislative Council have been sent to Whitehall. They reflect mounting anger about slow decision-making despite an 88 per cent increase in the tide of humanity from the South China Sea.

A significant rise in numbers arriving from north, rather than south, Vietnam has convinced Kong Kong that many are merely seeking better living standards and are not political refugees.

Part of the pressure conveyed to London yesterday emanated from senior Hong Kong civil servants whose appointments have to be approved by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr David Jeaffreson, Hong Kong's Secretary for Security, said that Whitehall had been asked "in quite forceful terms" to pursue the possibility of allowing Hong Kong to send certain refugees back to Vietnam.

Those who could not prove that they had been persecuted — or would be — should be considered for repatriation. The Government would have to be reasonably satisfied that they would not be inhumanely treated and that repatriation would be voluntary.

This was seen as the long-term solution, while Britain could ease the short-term problem by announcing a 1987 quota of refugees to be resettled in Britain. Mr Jeaffreson said that Britain's quota of 500 for 1986 prompted other governments to accept an extra 1,000.

Hong Kong sources confirmed that Mr Jeaffreson spoke for the colony's administration as a whole. Other council members said that unless Britain accepted a new quota, no other country could be expected to help.

If Whitehall failed to produce a solution within six months, Hong Kong would have to consider turning boat people away.

Last year 2,087 arrived and all were sent straight to closed camps. Although fed, housed and offered education, they are not allowed to leave. Closed camps are designed as a deterrent and the policy is stamped on the back of every letter sent by inmates to relatives in Vietnam.

Those who arrived before mid-1982 live in open camps, but they account for less than half the 8,142 total.

Home Office sources said yesterday that no policy decision had been made

Negotiations with Vietnam on repatriation would be for the Foreign Office, which is waiting for the Home Office to move first. Some Whitehall sources believe any negotiations would be conducted through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Britain has accepted 12 per cent of the refugees resettled so far, Canada 17 per cent and the United States 58 per cent.

Elton on road to a full recovery

Sydney (AP) — The rock star Elton John was given a clean bill of health yesterday and discharged from a hospital, ending fears he may have throat cancer.

The British singer's surgeon, Dr John Tonkin, said a biopsy carried out after a throat operation two days ago showed that he had a non-malignant lesion.

"He is expected to make a full recovery," Dr Tonkin said.

Following his release from hospital a day ahead of schedule, Elton John went to a hotel, where he spent most of the day watching cricket on television.

He will remain in Australia for at least six weeks for checks on his throat.

Robber uses Aids threat

Sydney (Reuter) — A 24-year-old heroin user stormed into two Sydney shops demanding cash and threatening to inject assistants with a hypodermic syringe he said contained his own blood contaminated with Aids, a court here was told.

The man, who was reported to be suffering from Aids, was refused bail when he appeared on charges of armed robbery, assault and possessing heroin.

Climber dies

Kathmandu (AP) — Jerzy Jacek Klincwicz, aged 34, a Polish climber, fell 2,600 ft to his death on Mount Himalchuli. It was the first fatality of the winter climbing season.

Flights back

Karachi (AP) — Pan American World Airways plans to resume flights to Pakistan on January 17 after suspending its flights following the hijacking of an airliner in Karachi last year.

Cold work

Washington (AP) — The Pentagon announced plans to conduct an exercise in Alaska this month to test the US military capability to fight in cold weather.

Nuclear-free

Berkeley, California (AP) — The University of California plans to shut down its 20-year-old nuclear reactor at Berkeley, where voters have declared the community a nuclear-free zone.

Fall guy

Tokyo (AP) — Mr Michael McCarthy, a 26-year-old Briton who parachuted from the top of a 44-storey Tokyo hotel as a stunt for a Japanese magazine, has been accused of climbing to the rooftop without permission, an offence which carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

Hard landing

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Elvin Bale, aged 36, an American human cannonball, landed in hospital after he was shot from a circus cannon and missed his air cushion.

Burundi 'persecution' condemned by bishops

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

Roman Catholic bishops in East Africa have strongly condemned what they term "the escalating persecution" of the church in Burundi.

Meeting in Nairobi as members of AMECEA (the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa), they have issued a two-page statement through the Kenya Catholic Secretariat deploring the harsh restrictions imposed on church personnel, such as the refusal of entry and residence permits to foreign missionaries, restrictions on overseas travel for the local hierarchy, the nationalization of minor seminaries and the abolition of the military chaplaincy.

Urging the Government of Burundi, led by President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, to lift the restrictions on worship in the country, the bishops also advised the Church there to avoid any confrontation or conflict with the authorities, and instead to seek reconciliation and dialogue.

Their statement added: "We call upon the Government to realize it has adopted an undeniable policy of religious persecution which will certainly generate serious repercussions, and bring great harm to the nation".

It also called on all church members in Burundi to continue to pray that peace and justice will be restored.

The bishops alleged that the antagonisms and internal conflicts in Burundi were caused by ethnic differences

Last month, the Pope denounced Burundi's suppression of Roman Catholic institutions, calling it "a deliberate attempt to discredit the church and its pastors".

Duarte caught between right and left

From Martha Honey
San José

President Duarte of El Salvador is facing his worst political crisis, with rightists calling for his resignation and threatening a military coup, and left-wing guerrillas launching an offensive in the countryside.

Deputies from three right-wing political parties have said they will carry out an indefinite "strike" within Parliament, thus preventing voting on several crucial measures, including the national budget.

The powerful Coffee Growers' Association has called on the Army to stop supporting President Duarte and to reorganize a much-feared counter-insurgency force allegedly linked to right-wing death squads.

A series of radio and newspaper advertisements, sponsored by the National Action Movement, is demanding "immediate and drastic actions" to avert the implementation of "a tyrannical socialist-communist regime".

President Duarte: still seen as best option by US.

This hitherto unknown rightist organization, which is known by its Spanish acronym MAN, alleges that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) engineered President Duarte's 1984 election victory and calls for the President's resignation.

Rightist opponents, angered by the country's economic decline, have vowed not to pay a series of 14 new taxes which, according to one diplomat, "take from the rich and leave the poor virtually untouched". Beyond that they are demanding a repeal of all reforms enacted since 1979, including land reform and dismantling of the state monopoly of coffee.

Sources in San Salvador say that members of extreme right-wing economic and political groups are advocating a military takeover. One Western source said: "Military officers are open about the fact that they are getting calls and visits pressuring them to organize a coup."

But the sources predict that a coup appears unlikely, because neither the Army nor the United States wants it. With much of El Salvador's foreign aid and tax revenue going to the military, the Army is thriving despite the economic crisis.

The Reagan Administration has viewed President Duarte's centrist civilian Government as a significant foreign policy triumph and a tangible alternative to both El Salvador's leftist guerrilla coalition and to the Sandinista Government in neighbouring Nicaragua.

Although polls show President Duarte's popularity within El Salvador has dropped to a mere 30 per cent, the US still considers him its best option.

Meanwhile, guerrillas from the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) have announced an offensive and begun small but effective attacks against military outposts. Political observers say the FMLN has been more active since the beginning of December than in the previous 11 months combined.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Ton't 7.45 City of London Sinfonia. Andrew Watkinson dir/violin. Jack Brymer clarinet

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Die Fledermaus. Tomor last perf Diary/Oxad.

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THE ARTS

Bored again

The Wind in the Willows (Thames) and *MacGregor's Verdict* (BBC1), Martyn Lewis's interview with the former head of the Coal Board, gave us two celebrated figures who famously were knocked to the ground and disguised themselves during bitter social struggles. Both also have reputations, deserved or no, for being crashing bores.

Of course, one was obviously more human in his facial and vocal expressions and was more clearly engaged in class warfare. But then Toad boasted a rubber and latex body resolutely anthropomorphic in its demeanour, David Jason gave him a voice rich in toff nuance and his weasel adversaries had cloth caps and northern working-class accents.

What Sir Ian MacGregor has to say is not in itself often

TELEVISION

boring, whether it invites approval or outrage, but it is delivered in a tone of jowled listlessness, devoid of vitality, human or animal, which would render Shakespeare mumbled tedium.

MacGregor admitted during Lewis's anodyne questioning that he was not "entertaining", though curiously he thought the reaction to his placing a plastic bag over his head during the miners' strike reflected a national lack of humour – which is perhaps why he agreed to pose playing snooker and dressed in gumboots and a cloth cap.

The show, however, was stolen by an affectionately irreverent Lady MacGregor, who revealed that her husband had become more irritable with age and had intended to "squash the onions" and get the miners back to work on his terms rather than the government's.

The excellent documentary *The Spirit of the Alcazar* (Channel 4), about the history of Toledo since the "heroic" defence of the Alcazar by Franco's troops, also invited sympathy for those to whom many are ideologically opposed. Like the tormented Toad, a one-armed veteran showed admirable spirit, however odious his opinions.

Andrew Hislop

Testament to a powerful will

CINEMA

The Sacrifice (15)
Lumière

Peggy Sue Got Married (15)
Odeon Leicester Square

Heartburn (15)
Plaza; Cannon
Tottenham Court Road

Twice in a Lifetime (15)
Odeon Haymarket

The Berlin Affair (18)
Cannon Première

Salome (15)
Cannons Swiss Centre,
Oxford Street

On Monday, Andrei Tarkovsky – the Russian director whom Ingmar Bergman called "the greatest, the one who invented a new language" – was buried in Paris. The Sacrifice, which opens in London today, is his last work and his testament. "There is no death," the protagonist explains to his small son, "only a fear of death . . . Think how everything would change if we were to stop being afraid of death."

Tarkovsky called *The Sacrifice* a poetic parable. It is the story of a man "who understands that to save himself, even physically, he must become absolutely oblivious to his own ego and make room for his own spirituality". Mr Alexander (Erland Josephson) is a scholar, living in his own small paradise, a villa beside the sea. On his birthday, while he is happily surrounded by his family and friends, television announces the onset of the nuclear cataclysm.

He observes the immediate effects – his calm, elegant wife (Susan Fleetwood) collapses into wild hysteria – and contemplates their future. Then he makes a vow: if God will let this night pass away, and the world be restored to what it was before, he will sacrifice himself and all he holds dear.

The next day dawns – has he only dreamed the terrors of the night? – and he loyally keeps his vow, even though it means the world must lock him up as a madman.

"My pictures mean nothing more than what they are," said Tarkovsky. He could not understand his reputation for being obscure and difficult: children, he pointed out, understood his films. The mistake lies in trying to understand, where Tarkovsky only wants us to feel.

Tarkovsky often quoted *haiku*; and he was close to those medieval Japanese poets who strove through images to convey meanings that are sensed rather than literally expressed. Allan Edwall, the actor who plays the scholarly postman in *The Sacrifice*, discovered that Tarkovsky "arouses your primary instincts, feelings you haven't had – consciously – since you were a child". When spilt milk runs over the dark wood of a floor, or a sleeping child stirs on a white lace pillow, the reverberations in the sense and memory work (or should, if we let them) like *haiku*.

Tarkovsky's isle (the film was shot on the bleak east coast of Gotland) is, like Prospero's, full of noises, and these too work powerfully and mysteriously on the senses and emotions: the roar of unseen jets, a distant voice intoning a folk-song, branches tapping on the window, the tinkle of glasses on a tray, footsteps, dogs in the night.

Tarkovsky was not just a visionary, but a film-maker with the power to realize his visions. Purely as film-making *The Sacrifice* is astonishing. The first and last scenes are shot in single, uncut takes, faultlessly choreographed. In the first, the garrulous Alexander indulges in Dostoevskian monologues and dialogues with the postman, while his six-year-old son prepares an ingenious practical joke. The amazing last scene, filled with complex action, is played against the conflagration and collapse of the Alexanders' house.

Tarkovsky had the reputation of being a difficult – because uncompromising – director, but *The Sacrifice* demonstrates how his collaborators gave him of their best. It is his vision and genius, but the work of an inspired team, from the great cinematographer Sven Nykvist to the actors – Josephson, Edwall, Susan Fleetwood, Sven Wollter – who cannot be imagined better.

Francis Coppola is always unexpected. His latest film, **Peggy Sue Got Married**, is an endearing little fable about a fortyish mother of two, facing divorce, who is transported 25 years back in time. Given the chance to relive the difficult days of adolescence and the tense dramas of high school with the hindsight of maturity, she ends up making the same decisions as the first time round.

Masters of their roles: Erland Josephson (Alexander) and Sven Wollter (Victor) in Tarkovsky's *The Sacrifice*

Kathleen Turner carries off the age-switch with conviction. The point of the film lies not just in the material changes that time has brought to the small town, but in the different psychology that Peggy Sue brings from the future: she startles her classmates and her parents with the sort of confidence that only age brings. Coppola also indulges a kindly sentimentality in the scenes with her parents and grandparents, as she discovers the love and appreciation we rarely recognize while we still have the chance to show it.

It is rare nowadays to find Hollywood films intended for grown-ups; and disappointing to find those that are preoccupied with the old-world trivia of adultery and divorce. Mike Nichols's **Heartburn** is based on Nora Ephron's novel, in turn suggested by her own marital experiences with Carl Bernstein, of Watergate fame.

Writing, direction and acting (Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep) are all predictably polished; yet the film remains surprisingly uninteresting. Perhaps the manners and foibles of the American *haute bourgeoisie* are captured just too well: their clothes, food, fads, interior decoration, gynaecology, group therapy, infidelities, parties, gossip, children, ethnic servants, smart dialogue and whole way of life seem frozen into patterns set by colour ads.

There is too a basic difficulty of belief: what is a nice bright woman like Streep doing marrying a shifty slob like Nicholson; and why is she surprised by the outcome? The curious title, intimating cardialgia, probably relates to Nicholson's habit of eating with his mouth open, making a sound like cattle trudging through mud – in itself adequate grounds for divorce.

Twice in a Lifetime, directed by Bud Yorkin from a script by Colin Welland, chronicles infidelity and marital break-up at the other end of the social scale; and its best quality is a strong sense of working-class milieu and sentiment, which almost surmounts the starry casting of Gene Hackman, Ellen Burstyn and Ann-Margret as the tortured triangle. The predictable development (the abandoned wife literally lets her hair down and rediscovers independence and personality) and soap-opera dialogue restrict the ambitions of both director and actors.

Golan and Globus, the Israeli cousins who mastermind Cannon, have laudable ambitions for a prestige sector of their production, but the misfortune to hit on directors who cannot leave well alone. Liliana Cavani – nostalgically remembering her success with *The Night Porter* – has translated Junichiro Tanizaki's novel *The Buddhist Cross* from Japan in 1932 to Hitler's Berlin in 1938, and called it **The Berlin Affair**. The result is a torrid, galloping melodrama, about a duplicitous oriental *femme fatale* (Mio Takaki) and complicated erotic permutations with her three lovers – a Nazi diplomat (Kevin McNally), his wife (Gudrun Landgrebe) and a shady art teacher (Andrea Prodan).

Claude d'Anna stages **Salome** in black fibreglass palaces filled with naked maidens and youths clad only in half-hearted phalluses, and dresses his Roman soldiers like Soviet troops. Yokanaan is a kind of terrorist for whom both Herod and Salome cherish strange affections – unrequited, as Yokanaan is kept in a hole whither his ominous cries emerge in strange Mummerset accents. The script is "based on the play by Oscar Wilde", who might however be at a loss to recognize the convoluted political argument, and dialogue as leaden as *Hansard*. Salome (Jo Champa) is a glum little American who performs aerobics with her seven veils.

David Robinson

RECITAL

Holl/Schiff
Wigmore Hall

It was bold of the Dutch bass-baritone Robert Holl to confine this recital entirely to Schubert's settings of poetry by Johann Mayrhofer, whose bicentenary falls this year. Mayrhofer's mode of expression was certainly intense, but his range limited: the poems set by Schubert are mostly elegant screams against life's buffetings, complemented by yearnings for death as the ultimate repose.

The sea features heavily, and Schubert's settings parallel the watery metaphors perfectly. The voice represents the human soul as sailor; while the piano accompaniment is the all-powerful current – mysterious but comforting (as in *"Gondelfahrer"* – "The Gondolier"), or angry and dangerous, as in *"Der Schiffer"* ("The Boatman").

So there is no lack of metaphysical profundity in these songs, but a distinct shortage of anything approaching humour. It was this absence of inherent contrast that made the recital potentially so risky.

Holl, however, is now a highly accomplished *lieder* performer. He capped an exemplary display of concentration, technique and poetic insight with a richly characterized account of the formidable *"Einsamkeit"*.

What makes Holl so impressive in this repertoire is the ease with which he lifts a big, gorgeously full timbre into the most cultured head-voice with no apparent break in the tone. He glided through the arpeggios and octave leaps of *"Der Entsühnte Orest"* as though they were adjacent notes.

His general concept of these songs is as broad as his physique. He seemed sometimes to restrain surface excitements unnecessarily; on the other hand, it was hard to imagine a more thrillingly executed crescendo than that with which he infused *"Nachtstück"*: a kind of pantheistic *Nunc Dimittis*.

András Schiff's piano playing was inevitably an incidental pleasure, but stylish nevertheless and he seized almost the only *allegro* of the whole evening – the vivacious accompaniment to *"Der Schiffer"* – ebulliently.

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Coming in to Land
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It is a sad political fact that the work of human rights organizations has built up an élite of star victims who stand a better chance of escape than the hordes of would-be emigrants who have no spectacular personal injustice to disclose.

Halina, the heroine of Stephen Poliakoff's wintry comedy, is one such passionate nonentity. The daughter of a disgraced Polish politician, she has spent 29 years looking after him and learning English in preparation for the time when she could begin her life.

Now she arrives in London, desperate to make up for lost time. But she has no story to tell, and so fabricates an horrific experience of police brutality with which to impress the British immigration service.

The allies she picks up in London show the other side of the picture. Two part-time civil rights enthusiasts, Andrew (Andrew C Wadsworth) works for Shell and Neville (Anthony Andrews) is a showbiz lawyer. In helping Halina they are themselves taking a romantic escape from the desolation of their own lives.

What the play chronicles is Halina's discovery of their Britain. She starts by gorging herself on films and plays, entering Neville's penthouse as a chain-smoking bag lady, living in a state of precarious parenthesis until her case is decided. But she retains the stubborn independence to refuse the easy option of marriage to Neville, and to endanger her chances by taking a job.

Poliakoff devotes the first half of the evening to setting up the situation, and it is an uphill experience for the spectator as it consists of shadow-boxing between a group of not particularly interesting people.

In control: Maggie Smith

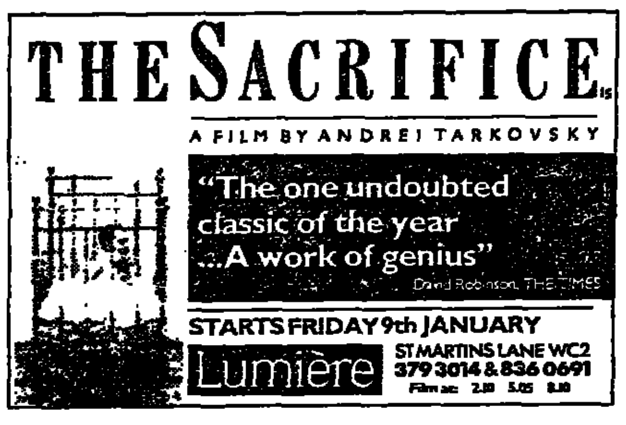
Poliakoff's vision of London comes less from them than from Alison Chitty's marvellous sets: the penthouse with its ever-changing winter light, the desolate video shop where Halina waits for customers who never come, and the concrete anonymity of the immigration lounge.

But what follows is like the sudden descent of a slowly raised ton of bricks. Transformed into a scarlet-suited combatant, Halina sails into the immigration office to give the performance of her life. Not only does she deliver a thrilling account (purloined from Dostoevsky) of her Warsaw arrest, she also adopts a high status attitude to her interrogator (Tim Pigott-Smith) – and Maggie Smith's previously subdued comic powers burst into the open as she assumes control as a connoisseur of interrogation, ironically complimenting the official on his technique, wearily snubbing him ("please try to listen") and asking whether her squeaky chair is a British lie-detector.

By an extraordinary reversal, the scene continues with the mock interrogation of Neville, who responds with berserk rage. He has been hit on an exposed nerve. British subject he may be, but he is more alienated from Britain than the crowds of aliens who want to get in. And in the final scene – in an airport detention room with crucial dialogue drowned out by roars of take-off – he and Halina emerge as two of a kind.

In Peter Hall's production the first act sometimes seems in danger of expiring under the glacial poise: but it goes on to fully deliver the goods.

Irving Wardle



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This is the plot, typically intricate, of a hitherto untranslated play by Marivaux and in spite of the dedication of the cast of seven (I particularly liked Lilian Evans's spirited maid) it proves to be chilling and unappealing.

The scenes in which the brother and sister – Andrew Kitchen and Dera Cooper – address themselves to the unexpected – and mistaken – discovery that they are loved have vitality, because the characters develop interesting indecisions. But elsewhere they are all, especially the disguised queen (Harriet Keevil), relentlessly fluent.

Most of the scenes are duologues, and this 18th century convention would be less tiresome were there anything in the plot besides words. Apart from some play with portrait miniatures, none of the principals do anything but talk about love.

As Arlequin, Guy Callan gives an eye-rolling, tongue-twiddling, constantly mobile performance. The distance between this and the other performances is not bridged – and as Callan is director as well as translator, the interpretation must be his.

But the tradition of *commedia del'arte* cannot enliven modern English theatre by using the styles of days of yore. They were successful in their time, but we inhabit another.

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The Royal Family: value for money?

The £10,000 or so with which Prince Edward may buy himself out of the Marines is a trifle compared with the amount Britain spends on his family. Are they worth it?

George Hill presents a cost-benefit analysis

On his recent visit to the United States to prepare our allies for the idea of a unilateralist Britain, Neil Kinnock pledged that Labour would not cut the Conservative Government's Civil List spending on the Royal Family, and declared that the nation's investment in royalty was "extremely productive" and "a bargain for Britain".

It may have surprised some Americans to hear a rose-red socialist speaking up for hereditary privilege, but British ears would find nothing incongruous about it. Labour leaders have usually got along with the monarchy quite as well as the Tories, ever since George V and Ramsay MacDonald used to discuss their surgical scars together. Wary of the Crown's popularity, Labour politicians have been shy of tampering with its prerogatives in their schemes for social reform.

But Kinnock's assurances must have been especially welcome in the Palace just now. In recent months a series of major decisions have been taken on bringing the royal hardware up to date – new planes and railway coaches for the Queen, refits for the royal yacht and a continuing programme to equip the Palace with computers.

Under the inscrutably complex accounting system through which the cost of royalty is communicated to the public, the real annual bill in a normal year adds up to at least six times the Civil List contribution (£5 million in 1986) which the Government pays each year to cover the Royal Family's official expenses. The normal overall cost of the show must in fact be about £30 million a year, excluding the notional sum, which can scarcely be less than £500,000 by now, forgone in taxes because the Sovereign's private fortune is exempt from taxation. But if the full price of the recent decisions on re-equipment is thrown into the current year's account, the expense would probably rise to well over £70 million.

Almost unnoticed by the public, therefore, the nation this year is in the midst of what may well prove to be its most costly spending programme on the Royal Family during the entire reign. So it is not a bad moment to consider whether Britain is getting value for money.

Kinnock hails the investment as a good one (though it may be significant to note that his pledge applies only to the Civil List, a relatively small part of the whole). Only one or two Labour MPs have grumbled mildly that the money spent on refurbishing the royal train might have helped to ease British Rail's bottlenecks.

In terms of alternative spending, the royal £30 million in a normal year compares with an annual state expenditure of £41 million on military bands, a similar sum on Arts Council subsidies to opera and theatre, £72.5 million on storing Britain's share of the EEC's unwanted grain surplus, and £100 million spent annually until last year on the abortive Nimrod aviation project. It is not quite four times the annual running cost of the Zoological Society of London.

Much of the expenditure involved would occur in any event. The nation would have to pay to keep a president in appropriate style and security, an unseen cost, hidden in police budgets, which must be at least £1 million a year. The upkeep of the royal palaces would no doubt continue to fall on the state even if they were all turned into museums. We would scarcely kill a golden goose such as the Changing of the Guard.

But when it comes to quantifying the benefits, one is plunged almost at once into guesswork. Common sense tells us that all those headlines around the world must do something for our national image, with effects on our trade and tourism. The ceremonial signing of trade contracts is a regular sideshow in the ritual of state visits. Junior members of the Royal Family are increasingly good sports about lending their glamour to more or less frank promotions of British goods abroad. At the very least, every royal wedding creates employment in the souvenir trade.

> 'Their running cost is almost four times that of London Zoo'

The royal investment in two new British Aerospace 146 jets has already brought a return: "The fact that the aircraft were purchased by the Royal Family has increased awareness of it with certain other heads of state," the company says. "Indonesia has ordered one since the announcement, and has asked for it to be fitted with an interior similar to the Queen's. And we are negotiating with two other countries which have similar plans. The Prince of Wales and Prince Philip have converted to the aircraft, so that they will be seen flying it. All this obviously makes a very good advertisement for the 146."

Of course there is an element of stage management about the orgy of contract-signing that accompanies royal visits. International businessmen are not stampeded into decisions just by a glimpse of a tiara. "In many cases it is merely a formality at that stage, though a visit may have some effect on future contracts," says Cable and Wireless, one of the British companies which tied up agreements potentially worth hundreds of millions in a two-day negotiating session in October aboard the *Britannia* in Shanghai.

Plessey, another company which won agreements at Shanghai, agrees that the effect is unquantifiable: "The usefulness of royal visits is that they show that there is national governmental support for what individual companies are trying to do – it attracts attention, provides a focal point."

"Business is business, but one can't underestimate the value of a visit in raising the profile of Britain," says an official of the British Overseas Trade Board, which provides help and funds to exporters. "I saw how it worked last year when Prince Charles came to Vienna and Chicago, and appeared at two major projects involving store promotions of British products and the export of millions of pounds' worth of goods."

Disappointingly, the statistics of overseas tourism show no perceptible variation from year to year which can be linked convincingly to specific events like the silver jubilee or royal weddings. "The influence is a more diffused one – people see an event on television and it helps to shape the picture they have of Britain," says the British Tourist Authority. In its surveys to discover what attracts foreign tourists to Britain, it does not ask specifically about royalty, but "the heritage" is one of the most-often-cited factors.

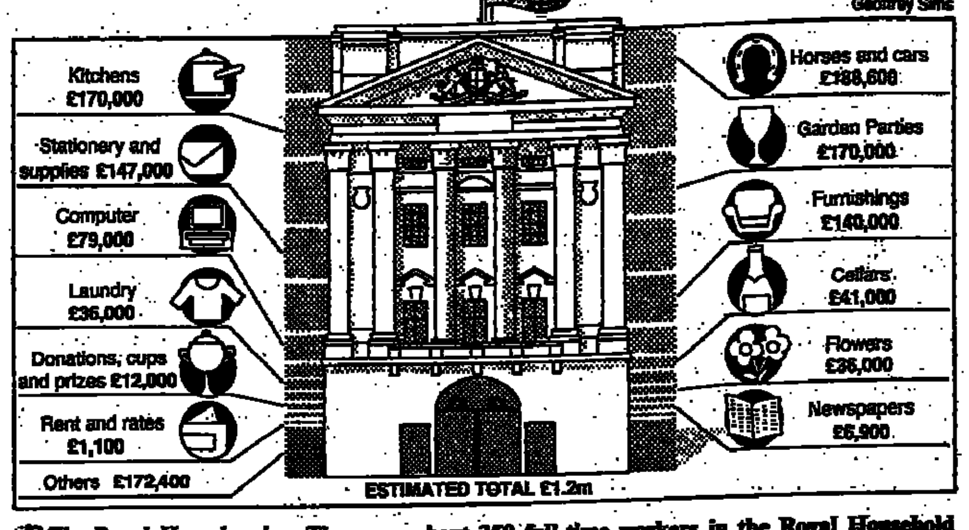
The BTA says that the tourist industry is worth £6.7 billion a year: on that basis, if royalty tips the balance in favour of Britain for just one two-hundredth of the market, it must amply repay from tourism alone all the subsidies, seen and unseen, that it receives.

Whether it does or not, it is only a by-product of the real business. There is no way to put a price on the two aspects of the operation which matter most at home – the Royal Family's role as example of respectability, focus of affection, source of entertainment etc, and the sovereign's function as a sort of constitutional wild card, held in reserve to play only at moments of insoluble political deadlock. These functions are probably inseparable from a certain level of display.

The unquantifiable impact on trade and tourism of what George VI used to call "the Firm" helps to offset the cost of this. It is for the public to judge whether a running cost four times that of London Zoo is more than Britain can afford.

The Queen's Flight: **Two British Aerospace 146 jets acquired this year for £40 million, replacing two of the Royal Flight's three 20-year-old twin-prop Andovers, smaller, slower and with shorter range. Two Wessex helicopters. Manpower of 180. About 600 flight movements a year. Annual cost £5 million, met from Ministry of Defence budget.**

Geoffrey Sims



The Royal Housekeeping: **There are about 350 full-time workers in the Royal Household (mainly at Windsor and Buckingham Palace), compared with 458 in 1970 and 530 in 1952. Seventy per cent of the Civil List is spent on wages, cash-limited and linked to Civil Service pay rates. Latest figures (for 1983) for the official domestic expenses suggest, when updated, that the allocation now stands at £1.2 million. Private expenses are met from private resources.**

The Queen's Yacht: HMS Britannia, **with its crew of 277, is officially a unit of the Royal Navy, and its annual cost of £10.5 million is met from Defence budget. Running costs are about £3 million, but regular expensive refits on an ageing 33-year-old vessel (including one last year with an estimated cost of £6 million and another this year costing £10 million) increase the bill.**

The Royal Train: **Major modernization in progress, costing £7.5 million over four years. Nine carriages aged between 29 and 44 years to be retired, and 10 purpose-built ones added, with extra anti-terrorist protection and accommodation for royal party and entourage of up to 54. Used for about 80 days a year. Normal annual cost of official travel by rail £650,000, met by Department of Transport.**

Official Visits: **The Foreign Office pays for the extra cost of state visits and other visits abroad made at the Government's request: allocation about £345,000.**

The Queen's Motors: **The Royal Household has five official cars (all Rolls Royces) and two semi-official. The Civil List allocation for purchase, hire and upkeep of cars for official duties is £88,600.**

All the Queen's Horses: **All her official horses, that is, apart from horses kept for pleasure and the thoroughbreds of the royal stud, which she pays for from her private resources. The Civil List buys fodder for about 35 carriage horses (five more than in 1953), and its annual expenditure on purchase and upkeep of horses and carriages is £100,000.**

The Queen's Roof: **Upkeep of royal palaces, parks and residences is met by the Department of the Environment. The cost for those occupied by the Royal Family is £9 million. Net earnings where these are partially open to the public go towards maintenance of the art collections, with any surplus invested.**

The Queen's Relations: **The Civil List includes payments of £1.2 million for the official expenses of 10 members of the Queen's immediate family, ranging from £359,000 for the Queen Mother to £20,000 for Prince Edward.**

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Moving mountains

A decision by Brent council this week focuses attention on the question: should Islamic schools receive state aid?

The left-wing controlled London of Borough of Brent is not known for its co-operation with Kenneth Baker, the Education Minister. Yet a decision by Brent's planning committee this week not to allow expansion of the Islamia Primary School has, at least temporarily, spared Baker from taking a difficult decision over whether the country's first voluntary-aided Muslim school should be established.

It as a question which Baker admits is "tricky".

The Islamia School is currently independent, with fees of £1,250 a year. However, in March of last year – when Brent was under Conservative control – the council voted to give the school voluntary-aided status, as defined by the 1944 Education Act. This means that the Government pays 85 per cent of the cost of maintenance, while the local authority pay the teachers.

Most of the 4,500 voluntary-aided schools in Britain are Roman Catholic and Church of England, although there are also a handful of non-conformist, non-denominational and Jewish schools.

Once the local council has given permission, final approval has to come from the Department of Education and Science. For the past six months DES inspectors have regularly visited the school, which was set up by the best-known English convert to Islam, the former pop singer Cat Stevens (now called Youssef Islam). An essential pre-requisite to approval is that the school should be expanded from its present size, but Brent planners decided on Wednesday that the current premises were unsuitable for enlargement.

For the moment the school is housed in a spacious suburban family mansion in Willesden, a north London suburb. It has 85 pupils, aged between five and nine, who daily imbibe the teachings of Islam and half an hour of Arabic, together with more conventional skills in reading and writing.

Muslim tradition in the balance: an Islamia schoolgirl

One room downstairs doubles as assembly room and mosque, and the walls of classrooms and corridors are liberally sprinkled with posters bearing precepts from the Koran. The injunction that "Women should not display their beauty and their adornments" is particularly favoured. Women teachers and girl pupils chastely cover their hair with white headscarves.

There is no sex education, and no mention of evolution, which would contradict the story of creation as revealed in the Koran – regarded by Muslims as the literal and unchanging Word of God. Girls are taught that a woman's first duty in life is to be an obedient wife and mother.

There is no doubt about the desire for Islamic schools among London parents – Islamia has more than 700 on the waiting list. Although a spinkling of these are children of English converts, the great majority are Pakistani or Bangladeshi.

In theory there should not, indeed *cannot*, be objection in principle to the extension of voluntary-aided status to embrace Islam and, given the present Government's emphasis on the importance of parental choice in education, there can be no hesitation on ideological grounds.

Yet the practical result is likely to be further isolation for Britain's Muslim community, whose children already face problems in adjusting to British society. State-aided Islamic schools would make it easier for parents who regard western society as corrupt to remove their children from the contaminating effect of a western education.

Ray Honeyford, the controversial ex-headmaster of Drummond Middle School in Bradford, feels that the issue should be brought out for public debate.

"There are great dangers in separation," he says. "You encourage a ghetto mentality. It is a terribly important decision and should be debated in Parliament."

The Pakistani headmaster of Islamia, Dr Azam Baig, dismisses the assimilation argument as irrelevant. "Look at the Jews," he says. "They have been here for hundreds of years and still haven't assimilated."

For him, Muslim education is a right, and one which the British will eventually accept.

Brent council's refusal of planning permission has, for the moment, left the issue open.

Kate Finch

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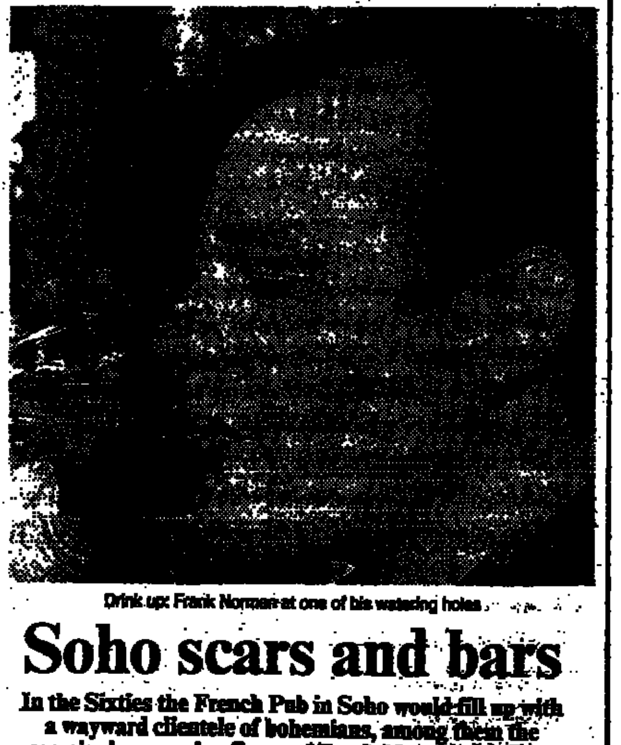

Drink up: Frank Norman at one of his watering holes

Soho scars and bars

In the Sixties the French Pub in Soho would fill up with a wayward clientele of bohemians, among them the seemingly menacing figure of Frank Norman, a small-time crook, famous for his play *Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'be*. Tomorrow in *The Times* his widow, Geraldine Norman, recalls this gentle, surprising man

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FRIDAY PAGE

An elegant new sport on the box

Television's latest sports presenter is six feet tall, has five Oxford Blues, plays football and rugby and skis. In fact the only surprise is her sex. **Colin Duncan** met the refreshing girl wonder who is making broadcasting history

It is a curious world for women presenters of television. They give us their dimples and capped smiles, and in turn we take an interest in their love lives and taste in frocks.

Sadly perhaps, they have become low-voltage copies of their screen sisters in California — minor stars who probably owe more to Holloway than to Hollywood.

When Sally Jones arrived at *Breakfast Time* as the first woman sports presenter, there was the suspicion that we were going to get Selina Scott on starting-blocks. We didn't, and now, after two months, her refreshingly unstarry presence is a pleasure.

For one thing, she knows whereof she speaks. At Oxford she picked up five Blues — for tennis, squash, cricket, netball and the modern pentathlon. And the pentathlon itself covers running, shooting, swimming, riding and fencing. She's ranked number three at Real Tennis — that extraordinary game which was played by Henry VIII and was the precursor of the Wimbledon version.

'Being tall is a great advantage — like having a wooden leg'

She skis, she has played wing at rugby, she's played football. Along the way she has encountered cynics. On one occasion a male disc jockey who fancied himself as a sportsman sneered when she was selected for a show-business football team. By way of demonstration, she scythed him down with a tackle that left him spinning like something out of his own top ten.

What is perhaps more interesting is that Sally is a bit of a character. At six feet and 10 stone, she doesn't have the build for a recluse, and she certainly doesn't have the disposition. Forget about the sporting prowess: at university she was also the champion rock 'n roll dancer, and she was famed as the girl who crashed Oxford's Gridiron Club.

The club is one of those exclusive all-male affairs. All male, that is, until Sally turned up with shorn hair, man's suit, and a discreetly lowered voice. The members were so instantly taken with Simon Barlow-Jones, as she signed the book, that several offered to sponsor him.

"I was rather alarmed over lunch when I found myself facing a man I'd taken tea with the previous day. I was sure he'd recognize me so I gave him a very large wink. Apparently he hadn't recognized me at all and he simply thought I was a very peculiar young man."

She began her broadcasting career by cycling up to the local radio station at seven in the morning to do reports on the May Balls. Then she was chosen from 2,000 for one of the six places on the BBC training scheme.

After the Gridiron Club she has now successfully gatecrashed the equally hairy-chested world of sport, and with great aplomb, whether in boxing gym or squash court, where she remains coolly elegant without recourse to that fervent eyelash-work so favoured in her trade.

No one could be better qualified to be the first woman television sports presenter. She comes from a family of keen sports. Uncles who ran in pre-war days, a sailing and climbing father, a tennis playing mother, and a granny who played hockey for Gloucestershire and tennis until she was 60 when she gave it up and took up golf. "Within two or three years she was captain of the county veterans golf team and she's still playing despite having both hips done. We're terribly proud of her." You can see where Sally gets her flair.

She's 31 now and she decided a long time ago that she was going to enjoy being tall. Already the gossip columns had dubbed her "long tall Sally", which causes her some delight. "Being tall is a great advantage. It's like having red hair or a wooden leg — people remember you."

From the start she realized that some men would be watching closely to see if she made any mistakes, so she worked particularly hard at her homework. One night, she was reading on the Underground on her way to a party when she realized the man opposite was staring at her. He was probably unaccustomed to seeing elegantly gowned young ladies filling in the quiz in a teenage boys' soccer magazine. Smiling, the man asked her how well she'd done. Fortunately, she got most of them right.

A woman journalist did ask her if she had got a "protector", meaning a well-placed male rather than a well-placed piece of padding. She must have been a poor judge of character to imagine Sally Jones would need any form of protection, sporting or professional, but Sally was quite entertained by the notion. "People are tempted to think that you must have a Pygmalion figure — or even something worse. But in this business if there is a hint that you might have got a job other than under your own steam, everyone taps the side of their noses very knowingly. I always steer clear of anything like that."

'On a good day I can look like a Danny la Rue candelabra'

Whenever the newspapers are trawling for a new Anna or Angela, her name comes up. She's flattered, she says, but not interested. She sees herself more as a television reporter than as a star.

For those who care about such things, her love life is ticking over nicely, and one of these days she hopes to marry and have children. As for frocks and things, she collects fancy hats — everything from moody pillbox numbers to floppy Ascots — and she loves silver and gold Lurex, with a few tons of sequins. "On a good day," says Sally Jones, "I can look like a Danny la Rue candelabra."

It is only fair to report that she does not excel at everything. Sally Jones is hopeless at snooker. Thank goodness.

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[illegible] Weller

Outward and upward bound: long tall Sally Jones has neither the build nor the disposition to be a recluse

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Distorted cords

Elton John and Margaret Thatcher have more in common than it might seem at first glance. They are both in high risk groups for vocal cord diseases, which tend to affect politicians, singers, parsons, actors, drill sergeants and others who strain their voices.

Elton John increased his chances of developing changes on his cords by his vociferous support of Watford; the Prime Minister, so far without ill effect, has endangered hers by deliberately lowering her voice — evidence shows that one of the forms of chronic voice abuse is talking at a lower tone than nature intended.

Vocal cords suffer from various growths. Probably the most common are nodules, which are known as screamers' nodules. They are small lumps of tissue, which cause hoarseness as they grow. They should be removed surgically and later checked for malignant change by the pathologists.

Recurrent over-use or abuse of the vocal cords can also give rise to swelling of the cords and formation of polyps (small tumours of mucus membrane). The polyps should be removed for examination and speech therapy instituted in an attempt to prevent recurrence.

Cancer of the cords is more likely to occur in patients who, as well as having an occupational risk, both smoke and drink: as with other malignant disease of the nose and throat, the combination of tobacco and alcohol can prove dangerous.

Anyone who develops a husky voice, without obvious cause, which persists for more than a month should always see a doctor, so that arrangements may be made for specialist examination.

More to a snore than before

Wives will soon feel that they have to be more tolerant of their husbands' night-time rumblings, as evidence continues to accumulate that snoring is not only irritating but is also a sign of a potentially serious disease. In the last six years more than 23 papers have been written in the heavier medical journals on its association with high blood pressure, strokes and coronary thrombosis.

Research from Finland, recently published in the *British Medical Journal*, studied the frequency of snoring in 4,388 men between the ages of 40 and 69. They, or presumably their sleeping partners, were asked if they snored habitually, frequently, occasionally or never.

Analysis of death certificates over the following three years showed that, even when adjustment had been made for those who were grossly overweight, heavy drinkers, foolhardy smokers or just old, there was a definite relationship between snoring, coronary heart disease and strokes.

Better test

A few years ago a well-known journalist attended a busy Harley Street practice for her annual cervical smear. She was not entirely reassured by a negative result and a month later had it repeated at a teaching hospital.

Subsequent cone biopsy showed carcinoma in situ (cancer) in three different sites on the cervix and invasive carcinoma in one. Such extreme cases are unusual, but the value of a smear is dependent on the technique of the doctor and the design of the spatula, the wooden instrument used to take a scraping from the cervix.

A year or two ago the cytologist at a different London teaching hospital told *The Times* that she estimated that as many as one third of the cases of severe dysplasia or carcinoma in situ were missed due to poor sampling. Figures quoted in the *British Medical Journal* show that the proportion of false negatives ranges between 20 and 45 per cent.

A new spatula, which looks rather like a modified ice-cream tub spoon, has now been designed by Dr Margaret Wolfendale and colleagues at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Evidence shows that it improves the quality of the smears and the pick-up rate for abnormalities.

By using the spatula the team has increased the number of abnormal smears found by 22 per cent. Additionally, the cytologists, who look at the slides under the microscope, have found that the quality of the smears have improved, so better opinions can be given.

Coffee cheer

Coffee drinking has been described as the most socially acceptable addiction. Recent research showed a close relationship between raised serum fats and coffee drinking. It caused gloom in countless offices, but the *British Medical Journal* has now published some good news, which may compensate for fears of an increased risk of coronary thrombosis.

Professor Dag Thelle and Dr Bjarne Jacobsen, of Tromso University in Norway, have shown that, although there may well be an increase in the serum cholesterol, there is also a reduction in the excretion of bile acids, or neutral sterols, which reduces the chances of developing cancer of the colon, particularly in people in the West who have a high fat diet.

The work was based on a study of 16,555 people and the figures are similar to two smaller reviews.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Rebirth of a maiden by any other name

FIRST PERSON

Doreen Stanfield

'I had been lazily contemplating a change back to my maiden name for some time. I only made the final decision to do so this year, four years after my divorce, when my passport needed renewing.

Having taken the plunge, gone to a lawyer and made a statutory declaration I began to feel surprisingly enthusiastic about the whole thing. I could hardly wait to shed my old identity and assume my new one in all areas of my life.

I stayed up late for nights on end sending letters to about a hundred such diverse destinations as my bank, the Gas Board, my dentist and various absent friends. I had change-of-name cards printed and ticked off the names of recipients on my long list.

I hardly knew myself. Why had I become so obsessed by this, I wondered? It wasn't as though I had nothing else to do. I told myself that it was just my methodical mind at work wanting to get the whole thing tidied up as quickly as possible.

Then I found myself getting really annoyed when post still came addressed to me in my old name, and it slowly began to dawn on me that there was more to this than met the eye. The whole process seemed to have assumed a symbolic significance for me; it was rather like some sort of rebirth. I was a chrysalis which is almost a butterfly, but not quite.

The phone bill which arrived in my old name despite my having notified British Telecom was depressing confirmation that my caterpillar identity still lived. Conversely, every letter to me in my new name confirmed the newly emerging butterfly and filled me with joy.

I began to feel, if not positively schizophrenic, decidedly in limbo. I was plunged into paroxysms of despair by my bank's delay in sending my new cheque book. Every time I had to sign a cheque in my old name it seemed to symbolize a regression into at best the cocoon of non-identity, or at worst caterpillarism.

All this may seem incomprehensible, even ridiculous, to those who have never undergone this particular metamorphosis. It was a strange experience to discover that I attached much more significance to my name than I had previously realized.

I suppose I should have known better. Give a dog a bad name and he acts like a bad dog. Call a lady Mrs X and she becomes an appendage of Mr X. Fine if you like being an appendage, and also if you like Mr X. Not so fine if you divorced him, but have got so used to being called Mrs X for well over half your life (and what's more have two children called X) that you can't imagine being called anything else.

Underneath it all, however, your free spirit is there, biding its time until the moment comes for it to re-emerge in all its glory. At such a moment you resent being reminded by British Telecom that you are not quite out of the cocoon yet, that you are still old Mrs X in some quarters.

My metamorphosis was completed some months ago and I am now well-established in my maiden name. (Even British Telecom has finally recognized it.) I am able to take the odd regressive missive addressed to Mrs X in my stride. She now seems a different person from me, someone I once knew.'

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How much does a baby know? Penelope Leach begins a three-part series on the key ages of childhood with a look at the very young

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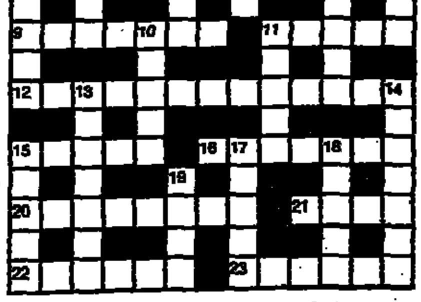

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Testing our defences

The call for Aids tests among the Queen's Own Highlanders has a worrying precedent

When the medical officer of the Queen's Own Highlanders this week urged the testing of his soldiers for the AIDS virus — the First Battalion have just returned from Kenya where the disease is rife — he may well have been prompted by another battle in another century. By 1859 it was estimated that one in four British soldiers had syphilis and in 1864 the government of the day brought in the first of three draconian Contagious Diseases Acts. It was passed without publicity or opposition, although the Act violated many of the civil rights achieved since Magna Carta.

But as the rights concerned were mainly those of working class women, there was at first little fuss at their inhumanity. The enemy, as far as the government was concerned, were prostitutes, not the men who used them. The Contagious Diseases Acts legalized the registration of prostitutes, their enforced medical examination and, for those found to be infected, compulsory detention.

The effect was that any woman walking along the street in a military district could be dragged off on the suspicion of a single policeman and made to undergo a brutal examination. The centres for these became places of public entertainment and jeering crowds would gather outside to watch who was escorted in. One woman, not a prostitute, committed suicide as a result of her degradation and many others carried the scars from their treatment ever afterwards.

At one point the government considered extending such enforced examination to soldiers' wives, though not the soldiers themselves. Women had become the scapegoats for a worried society.

If the predictions of today's medical establishment — that every family, by the end of the century, will know someone with the disease — are right, then the "Victorian values" so beloved by Mrs Thatcher may take on a new meaning.

The signs are already there. In Britain the Conservative Family Campaign, a right-wing pressure group, has called on the Government to isolate Aids victims. It has also been suggested — shades of 1859 — that the state should re-introduce the regulation of prostitution.

It may be that it will be considered a matter of survival to curtail civil liberties if Aids develops into the plague it threatens to become, but if that *is* the case, we might do well to consider how easy it once was for a panicking government to take them away, and how difficult to get them restored.

It took the Victorian reformer Josephine Butler 20 years to get the Contagious Diseases Acts off the Statute books. Raised though she was in upper-class gentility, Josephine Butler became incensed at the hypocrisy in the moral standards which castigated women as the sole perpetrators of vice and simultaneously condoned male promiscuity, and she revolted against the notion that to abolish the Acts would be "to sacrifice the health and vigour of unborn creatures to the rights of harlotry."

She viewed the Acts as the first step towards totalitarianism, and declared: "An injustice to the meanest citizen is an injustice to us all."

Samantha Norman

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Ken's new Irish stew

Ken Livingstone is set to spark a new row over Northern Ireland with a vicious attack on the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which officially boasts "fraternal links" with the British Labour party. Writing in today's *Tribune* under the headline "In defence of the politics of Sinn Fein", Livingstone claims that an article by SDLP leader John Hume "surpassed in dishonesty the worst outpourings of the disinformation and propaganda unit of British military intelligence in Ireland". Accusing the SDLP not merely of being opportunistic but middle-class to boot, Livingstone says it is no surprise that "socialists wish to talk to Sinn Fein". Yesterday SDLP policy chairman Mark Durkan accused Livingstone of trying to tell the Irish how to vote. As for Livingstone's charge that the SDLP received help from the "far right" National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Durkan asked: "Why doesn't Livingstone ask how Sinn Fein is funded? It is not the SDLP that holds up post offices."

Minormac

Could the government soon have another Macmillan? Speculation is growing that Alexander Macmillan, who as Lord Stockton's grandson has just inherited the peerage, could be given a job as a government spokesman in the Lords. Because of recent resignations, the government is short of talent in the upper house and, as deputy chairman of the Carlton Club's political committee, the new Lord Stockton's political credentials are impeccable.

● **Ominous notice seen on a gate near Polgooth, Cornwall: "Trespassers are requested not to play with the snakes and adders."**

Labyrinthine

Although a lifelong Anglophile, Argentina's late great man of letters, Jorge Luis Borges, was convinced that Shakespeare was not English. In an interview only just published, Italian writer Leonardo Sciascia told him that during the Mussolini era there was "a very old senator called Araldo di Crollalanza" whose uncommon surname combined the Italian for shake (crollare) with spear (lanza). As a result, Italian intellectuals began to speculate that Shakespeare was one of their own. Borges found the theory persuasive: "Of course, English he was not. Anything but English. . .Nor is there anything German about Goethe, or French about Hugo, and Dante is less Italian than Ariosto".

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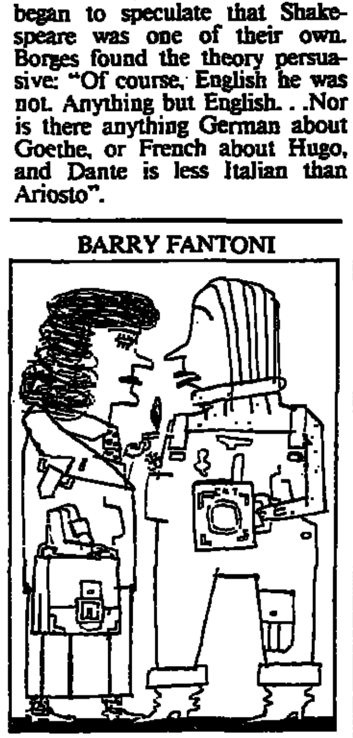

'Fishy the way Neville gives blood one minute, then stops, then starts again . . .'

Boat race blues

Oxbridge arrogance is blamed for a double booking of the Thames in March that threatens to reduce Europe's biggest club rowing event to chaos. The Head of the River Race's 3,200 competitors are to be forced to wait for 18 students to stuggle up the Thames in times unlikely to enter the record books. Known as the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, this ritual once had national significance and for sentimental reasons is still televised by the BBC. The Head Race Committee believes that running the events together could prove impossible and blames the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Club for gate-crashing its date. "A typical combination of arrogance, ignorance and disregard for the clubs whose big day it is," says Pauline Churchill, committee secretary. However, Oxford's boat race organizer, Duncan Clegg, sees the sport gaining from the cumulative coverage. "I would be most upset if you write a story saying there's a row," he told me. It breaks my heart to do so, Dunc.

Jolly bad show

One alumnus of the Royal Marine training school at Lympstone with more sympathy than most for Prince Edward's much publicized troubles is novelist Tom Sharpe, who suffered its "character building" regime at the end of the 1940s. He tells me the rigours of commando training taught him only two things — foul language and how to smoke. He does however credit his erstwhile alma mater with at least one major influence on his later life and career: the psychopathic characters that people his novels were, he says, largely inspired by his Marine instructors. "Anyone who wants out of that place can have my sympathy. The place was a proper hell-hole."

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Edward: make it industry

by John Grigg

Whether or not Prince Edward eventually decides to stay in the Royal Marines, and whatever his motives for joining in the first place, one question needs to be asked. Is it not about time some member of the Royal Family became involved in manufacturing industry for a change?

The great power of the Royal Family is the power of example. What the Queen and her relations *do* influences attitudes and conduct. When a form of activity desirable in the national interest has been neglected, support for it can be revived if a member of the Royal Family gives a lead.

The Armed Forces of the Crown are not, at the moment, neglected. Recruiting is buoyant, and most of the élite formations, such as the Royal Marines, can afford to be very choosy. They require no further boost from the Royal Family. The Duke of York is a serving naval officer, and the Duke of Kent has been a serving officer in the Army. The Prince of Wales has done his bit in all three services. As far as the forces are concerned, royal encouragement has amounted to overkill.

But the same is not true of other sectors of national life, which are scarcely, if at all, less vital. Manufacturing industry is an obvious case in point.

Britain's calamitous decline as a manufacturing nation is the subject of endless sermons, of the kind for which Prince Philip is particularly noted. And among the many causes adduced for our relatively poor industrial performance, one that is repeatedly stressed is the failure of people from privileged backgrounds to go into industry.

For all the thousands who make their careers in banking, accountancy, stockbroking, the law, insurance, the media and all the various forms of public relations, only a handful devote their lives to making and selling things. Social prestige — that indefinable essence by which the British set so much store — attaches to the banker, the barrister etc, as it does to the officer in HM Forces; but it does not attach in anything like the same degree to the factory manager or commercial traveller.

The Royal Family is uniquely well placed to correct this distortion in our scale of values. If Prince Edward were to decide against completing his course with the Marines, he could turn the whole incident to good account by signing on as a trainee with, for instance, Rolls Royce. The spectacle of a prince enlisting in the ranks of industry would have a most salutary effect, and would be likely to contribute to a change in the general perception of industry as a career.

It was, perhaps, rather unfortunate that the Prince of Wales spent so much of his time before he was married piloting aeroplanes, or jumping out of them, or in other ways acquiring experience of Service life. Such activities certainly proved his strength of character — more especially as he, unlike his two brothers, was never an enthusiast for the Gordonstoun ethos. But it might have been better if he had given some years of his life to an industrial enterprise: best of all, to a small business that he might have started up himself, drawing on his large financial resources, in an area of the country where unemployment was most acute.

The opportunity was missed, and it is now probably too late for him to do anything of the sort. But the idea is worth mentioning as an illustration of what the Royal Family's leading members could do, as an alternative to donning uniform.

The Duke of Gloucester is an architect, which is thoroughly creditable and something new for a royal. But it has to be said that there is no dearth of architects (only of good ones). His elder brother, Prince William, was developing well as a professional diplomat until his career was, sadly, cut short. But the country is not starved of diplomats.

Among civilian pursuits it is industry that cries out for royal patronage, not in the traditional form of conducted tours of factories with lunch in the directors' dining room, but in the novel form of personal involvement on the factory floor. Should Prince Edward consider having a go in this unfamiliar but immensely important line of work, he might emerge with more honour and satisfaction than he could achieve even in the Marines.

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After the Lords' report Owen Hickey contrasts British parsimony with the greater status and higher pay offered by America

Can we stem this latest brain drain?

There is an international market in academic talent, and a good thing too for humane scholarship and scientific research. Taking university appointments as the market place, and taking a long view, Britain's outflows and inflows have been in approximate balance. Not, however, in exchanges with the United States. American faculties had been net importers of human capital for many years before their country arrived at the spectacular general deficits of the Reagan presidency.

The problem this almost one-way flow has caused for Britain has less to do with number than quality. The academic standing of British universities has been, and in some respects and places still is, of the highest. That makes them vulnerable to losses in favour of American institutions where the quality is comparable, facilities more lavish and rewards larger, with the bonus now of succulent income tax cuts in the offing. And heads are hunted. It is not easy to compensate qualitatively for the losses by appointments from elsewhere overseas.

The last time the brain drain had national notoriety was in 1963-64. Then too the country was warming up for a general election. A coincidence, but not perhaps a 24-carat coincidence. Reverberations occur at these times which make drums worth beating. Another extraneous factor now present is a large unsatisfied pay claim by the Association of University Teachers.

These boosters, if that is what they are, may explain its immediate prominence, but they do not cast doubt on the reality of the phenomenon. The drift is of long standing (of very long standing, Lord Halsbury said, which is why Americans speak English), and an aggravation is what one would expect in the present phase of public policy towards universities. The present extent of the drain will be seen more clearly when the policy studies unit of the Royal Society reports in the spring.

Meanwhile a committee of the House of Lords, which was looking at industrial as well as academic research, gave its findings yesterday; and other indications are available. The British component of immigrant scientists and engineers into the United States has got larger. More than half the arrivals originating in western Europe come from Britain. In the early 1960s the proportion was little more than a third. The annual total of British scientists and engineers settling permanently in the United States, not all of them at or from universities of course, is now about 1,000 and has been rising since the late 1970s after a plateau of ten years or so.

As for quality, Sir George Porter, president of the Royal Society, said recently that 82 Fellows of the Royal Society, about one in 12 and a rising proportion, have permanent addresses in the United States: but only one member of the US. National Academy of Sciences has settled in Britain.

The mass spectrometry laboratory at Medmenham: Britons can make it — but they can make it so much easier across the Atlantic

Concern is shared in the organs of the European Community where the movement of scientists to the United States, especially from Britain and Germany, is cited as a reason for enlarging the Community's budget for research and development. Meanwhile some British universities note a magnetic pull from the Continent as well as from America.

Case histories, often more striking than statistics, are on public record too, such as the seven mathematicians at Bath who have had approaches from American universities, and the three professors from the London School of Economics who went out there on unpaid leave and were snapped up for permanent employment. The humanities are affected too, as to a lesser degree they always have been. Professors of English and art historians take wing beside technologists.

What can be done beyond a willing or fatalistic acceptance of market forces? Professors are like paintings: we try to keep the best of what we have got, but the bidding is against us, and in the case of the former there is as yet no way of making them captive in national institutions.

Some find consolation in the Athens-Rome analogy, rather as Harold Macmillan liked to muse on Anglo-American relations bathing them in that light. Rome, dominant in all the earthier uses of power, was itself dominated by Athens in the gentler empire of letters. Now that the Under-Secretary of State for Education has discovered that the best hope for inner cities is to restore Latin and Greek to the school curriculum, perhaps the point can be put once more in its original form. *Graecia capta ferum victorem cepit et artis/Intulit agresti Latio.* Horace, *Epistles*, Book II, Ep 1.

Lord Hailsham in 1963 tried a variation on that theme. As minister for science he had to play the bowling of the Royal Society, which had come out with the first of its brain drain reports. He read the exodus as a compliment to Britain — "an impressive tribute to the inability of the American high school to service its universities and scientific organizations with graduates of the right quality."

Everyone then played true to form. Harold Wilson piped up: "If British industry gave as much status to the scientist as it does to the takeover bidder we should be winning, not trailing behind, in the race for technological superiority." Dick Crossman, just made his party's spokesman for science, said, "our first job will be to spend money on these young scientists". The Clarendon Laboratory at Oxford solemnly rebuked Lord Hailsham for having no proposals to make conditions for the scientists as attractive here as there, just as it rebuked Mrs Thatcher for similar reasons a couple of years ago by blocking her honorary degree.

In our present threadbare condition the *Graecia capta* ploy in the face of American superiority seems grotesquely patronizing.

All agree that the lure of high salaries, though obviously an important factor, is not the only factor at work. Westward-bound scientists and engineers leave parsimony for liberality in the provision of equipment and resources for research; and in much of science that is now a condition for original achievement.

For humanists, some anyway, there is the prospect of a more lively environment and the enjoyment of higher status. They might be inclined to agree with Alan Pryce-Jones, in his memoir just published, finding in their American universities, as he found in American society, something lacking in England that is "alert, expansive, challenging."

Sir George Porter has said that morale within the scientific community in Britain is at the lowest point this century. Though it is hard to see how he measures it, no one is in a better position to form such an impression. The universities are distinctly bruised from five years of financial cuts and job losses, and contraction retards promotion; from a serious falling off in the UGC-funded component of basic scientific research; from a depressingly utilitarian review of policy in Sir Keith Joseph's green paper; from a deflation of public esteem, even their natural allies in the press coming to look upon them as items in a long list of things to be sorted out, in the menacing sense of that expression.

One does not really have to look farther than that to account for the return of the brain drain as a topic and probably as a trend. Maybe the worst is over now. Kenneth Baker got £95 million for the universities (another 7 per cent) next academic year when the public purse-strings were loosened last autumn. The blues of the early 1960s were blown away by free-spending optimism generated by Robbins. It is not going to happen like that this time. But a revaluation of higher education is getting under way, and of the place in the life of the nation of institutions operating on the frontiers of learning and research. If that works out well, the statistics of academic emigration will be one of the places it shows up.

Susan MacDonald analyses the French role in the latest fighting in Chad

Sparrowhawk's doveish tinge

The French bombing raid on the Ouadi-Doum air base in the north of Chad, and the tit-for-tat response, brings the kind of dangerous escalation in the conflict which could lead to a direct confrontation between France and Libya — something that France has so far been at pains to avoid.

André Giraud, the French defence minister, explained yesterday that the French aircraft which knocked out the surveillance radar at the Libyan-held base on Tuesday could easily have bombed Libyan aircraft on the runway: they had not done so because it could have turned "a national conflict into an international one".

This is the second time in a year that France has felt bound to reply to an incursion south of the 16th parallel, demarcated by France in 1984 to divide the warring north from the government in the south. Both times, they have bombed the Oaudi-Doum air base, the only one in the north, outside the Libyan-controlled Aouzou Strip, capable of taking heavy aircraft. It was enlarged by the Libyans for this purpose nearly two years ago despite French threats as to the consequences.

France has maintained the closest possible relationship with all its African ex-colonies, many of which depend on it economically and for their security. In 1976 Jacques Chirac, during his former spell as prime minister, signed a military agreement with Chad — along with a number of other countries — which promised support but excluded direct military intervention.

From 1982, reluctantly at first, France has supported President Hissen Habré since he overthrew the previous president, Goukouni Oueddei, his former comrade in arms. French governments may come and go, and presidents be of a different political hue to that of their prime minister, but France still supports the legitimate president of Chad.

In the past three years, a French Defence Ministry spokesman said, Habré has proved himself in France's eyes and the full weight of French military and civilian support has been thrown in behind him. He is praised for his charismatic qualities and the way he has turned his army into a formidable desert fighting machine.

France has mounted two major military operations in Chad during the past four years, each time seemingly under insistent pressure from Habré. In 1983 3,500 men were sent in after Goukouni's Libyan-backed troops captured the strategic Faya-Largeau oasis, which Habré would now dearly like to retake.

At the beginning of 1986, under Operation Sparrowhawk, between 1,100 and 1,400 French troops went to Chad from their bases in the Central African Republic. French Jaguar aircraft and transport planes were stationed at N'djamena airport, which was enlarged to receive them.

Operation Sparrowhawk is still in place and will continue as long as Habré requires it, according to the French government.

Habré continually castigates France for not doing enough to help him to unite the whole of Chad, particularly the provision of air cover for his troops. Publicly, France has refused to become involved directly in the fighting, though it is difficult to believe that it does not occasionally stretch its self-imposed limits.

The dividing line had previously been drawn at the 15th parallel and was extended by the French in retaliation for the shooting down by the Libyans of a French Jaguar aircraft, killing the French pilot. As a Habré aide remarked at the time: "seven more Jaguars shot down and our country will be liberated."

Wherever the line is drawn, Habré accuses France of effectively dividing Chad into two. However, he cannot complain too loudly or too often because of his dependence on France not only in the war but to maintain the economy. Paris provides more than £40 million a yearfor education, agriculture — especially cotton — technical research, road building and the civil service. The French are also providing a reintegration programme for the 20,000 or so southern rebels who have rallied to the government's side. France's interest looks beyond the present conflict to the day when a Chad without war will need reconstructing.

Privately, the French feel that while they are duty-bound to give its former colony all the support they can, it would be foolish to mount an expensive and dangerous military operation in the north which could bring them into direct conflict with the Libyans — hence the decision not to destroy the Libyan aircraft at Ouadi-Doum. Chirac is on record as saying that he is against goading countries like Libya for fear of upsetting Arab moderates.

France feels that Habré has proved himself a statesman, while the various opposition forces have seldom looked weaker. Opponents have either been rallying to Habré or splitting up among themselves. Despite the occasional military foray, the French therefore pin their hopes of a solution principally on time, aid, and delicate negotiations.

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David Watt

Mrs Thatcher stoops to deal

Mrs Thatcher's answer to the recent radio phone-in questioner who asked her about the prospects of a coalition was the most pregnant pronouncement she has made for some time. Having repeated how much she hates the compromise inherent in the whole idea, she added the magic words: "It may be it has to be done".

This remark has a double significance. It acknowledges the real possibility of a hung parliament — something Mrs Thatcher has hardly ever found it necessary or expedient to admit in public. Still more important, however, is her hint that she herself would be prepared, if necessary, to negotiate with the minor parties.

This overturns a good deal of conventional wisdom about how a coalition is likely to come about. It has been widely assumed, especially in the Alliance, that if the Conservatives were the largest single party but had no overall majority, Messrs Owen and Steel would find themselves negotiating with somebody like Sir Geoffrey Howe or Douglas Hurd. Mrs Thatcher herself would have declined to take part in such a sordid enterprise or the Tory party, in a spasm of wrath and opportunism, would have bundled her off to Dulwich by force. Failing these spontaneous developments, the Alliance parties are supposed to be strong enough to insist, as part of their price, that Mrs Thatcher is removed and someone more to their liking put in her place.

The trouble with these scenarios has always been the improbability of Mrs Thatcher's playing her allotted role with quite such docility. And can one really imagine the Conservative Party ditching her, within a couple of weeks of the election, on the orders of a "victorious" assortment of centrists and disaffected Ulstermen no more than 40, 50, or 60 strong? The truth, obscured by wishful thinking, has always been that unless the Alliance parties can notch up at least 80 or 90 seats, Mrs Thatcher's personal position will remain powerful; and now that she has, in effect, given public notice that she intends to remain at the centre of any action that is going, there is no longer any excuse for shying away from the difficulties.

These lie on both sides of any possible deal. Let us ignore the Ulster problem for the moment, and concentrate on the Liberals and SDP. Neither Steel nor Owen would be adverse to dealing with Mrs Thatcher but their rank and file are another matter. To many Liberals and the Labour-leaning parts of the SDP the Prime Minister is pure poison. They do not like her, they do not trust her and they would have little doubt that she would do her formidable best as coalition prime minister to block any real progress on the key issue of proportional representation. It follows, rather paradoxically, that, in order to be acceptable, a deal with Mrs Thatcher would have to be tougher and more water-tight from the Alliance point of view than a deal with anyone else, particularly on proportional voting, the economy and public expenditure priorities, and ministerial representation in the coalition.

Unfortunately Mrs Thatcher has now given fair notice that she will proclaim, on the day after a hung election of the kind we are talking about here, that the reason she emerged with the largest number of seats is precisely because she is known to be against PR, she believes inflation is a more important issue than unemployment, and that there is no evidence that the British people have voted positively for Alliance participation in government at all. As she said on the radio: "What I hate about a hung parliament or these coalitions is that the first thing you have to do is part from everything on which you have got, perhaps, the biggest number of seats in the election and compromise on it."

This does not mean she will refuse to deal. But it does mean that the Alliance leaders had better define their negotiating strategy with great precision in the expectation of an exceedingly stiff argument, possibly at no very distant date. My advice to them would be to concentrate on clear but limited objectives which can be presented at once to the parties and the public as the tangible fruits of coalition politics.

First, a firm commitment to progress on PR. Mrs Thatcher would no doubt try to fob them off, as Mr Heath tried in 1974, with a Speaker's conference on electoral law. But they would be in a strong position to do much better than this and insist on the immediate introduction of PR for elections to the European Parliament. Since this is an obligation under the EEC and has already been done in Northern Ireland, it would be hard to stand out against.

Secondly, the economy. There is nothing for it here but a rapid negotiation of at least the broad outlines of the new government's first public expenditure white paper. This implies some civil service involvement in the discussions, if only as referees, and also a written document against which subsequent performance would be measured. Given that there would not be much more than a week for this exercise, detailed preparation beforehand is essential. Finally the precedent of the Callaghan-Steel Lib-Lab pact shows that loose, arm's-length understandings of this sort do not deliver any real advantage to the junior partner. What the Alliance needs, from the point of view both of influencing policy and of acquiring ministerial experience, is positive participation in government — two seats in Cabinet and a proportionate number of junior posts being the minimum required to achieve this.

The disadvantage for the Alliance dealing with Mrs Thatcher on this basis is that she will fight every inch of the ground — but if they can bring it off, they can be sure that she will stick to the letter of the agreement and that, while she does so, the majority of the Tory party will continue to back it.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Ronald Reagan: the inside story

The first satellite photographs of President Reagan's colon have just been received at this office. Here is one of the best.

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Readers will notice at once that there is no malformation in the colon at all. Both halves are exactly the same size, with no sign of swelling or discoloration. Critics who have suggested that President Reagan had absolutely no idea what was going on and thought he was going to hospital just to give some fruit to a sick relative may well be right, but as this photo proves, there is nothing wrong with the colon itself. Let's see it again.

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Thanks. Many of us have colons all our lives without having any very clear idea of what they are for. Are they a bit like appendices, perhaps? Or more like question marks? If you take a colon away from the ordinary sentence, will it function perfectly well without it, or will it need artificial punctuational aids? Over to our Medical Expert, Oliver Lockerbie.

Hello there. Well, first off, let me stress that we do not use expressions like "artificial aids" any more because of the unfortunate overtones. Secondly, let me categorically deny that President Reagan's operation was paid for in any way by the sale of arms to Iran. It was paid for the same way that anything is paid for in the United States, by the sale of wheat to Russia. Now let's have a look at that colon again.

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Perhaps we could have that slide the right way round.

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Thank you. Let me point out in passing that if we had sold more wheat to Russia, we could have removed much more of the President. It is often said that Ronald Reagan is an old man by presidential standards, but it must be remembered that many new bits have been added to him over the years and his average age now, taking all his bodily parts into account, is no more than about 47. So the judicious trimming of his eyebrows:

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or indeed of his ear-rings:

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would not have made much difference. But let's have another look at that satellite picture of the colon.

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Pretty settled now, as you can see, but we expect squally showers to sweep in from the west during the evening, followed by scattered outbreaks of drawings of clouds, which will give way to a painting of sunshine done by some pupil of St Elphinstone's, Clapham, aged five. Finally, we expect to have a late night discussion by Brian Redhead and God: Does Robert Robinson really exist? which will be followed by Closedown. And now let's have another look at that colon:

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Well, there seems to be some fault on the video there, but we do have some rare early footage here of the young Ronald Reagan, about 65, in action with his colon. Let's see that now.

And I say this to you: vote for me.

There it was, the Reagan colon, in action in the early 1960s, in truly historic footage from the California governorship, operating much as it is today. Now, of course, President Reagan is surrounded by personal aides, but there again, "personal aides" is not a phrase we care to use much as it has unfortunate connotations. This much is clear: with or without a colon, President Reagan is going to be much the same as he was before so let's have a final look at that colon.

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Well, there you have it. The United States, the greatest nation on earth, is at present being run by two small dots. Makes you think, doesn't it? Next week, those two small dots take on Sylvester Stallone for the championship of the world in *Colon IV*, and the winner will go through to decide the history of the next ten years. For further information, just read this article again. Meanwhile, here's another chance to view that colon, or at least two dots of ink on the page:

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ACTING ON AIDS

Yesterday's statistics on the number of Aids victims up to the end of December, which were released to coincide with the Government's public health campaign of television advertising and leaflets, confirm rather than add to the known facts about the spread of the disease. By far the largest category of the 610 Aids victims in Britain, for instance, consists of homosexual and bisexual men – 538 in all. Other high-risk groups account for most of the rest. Only four heterosexuals, three women and one man, are presumed to have been infected in this country. The theme of much public health advertising – that Aids is not a "gay disease" – may be medically true but, for the moment at least, it is *statistically* false.

These are, of course, just the numbers of those who have either died or demonstrate the symptoms of "full-blown" Aids. Many more – a guesstimated 40,000 people – are Aids carriers. Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday offered the further guesstimate that 4,000 of these potential victims will die between now and 1990 in Britain and nothing can be done to save them.

With the median time from infection to diagnosis currently put at five years, however, what happens today will determine the likely course of the disease from 1992 onwards. It will, of course, continue to spread. Some current Aids carriers will not develop the full symptoms until 1993 or beyond and, because sexual habits do not change overnight, some people will be infected in the meantime.

There are good prospects, however, that the spread will be less rapid than the doubling every 10 months of recent years. Two years ago, public knowledge was so low that few people took even elementary precautions against Aids. The present level of awareness, though still inadequate, offers a considerably greater barrier to it. In addition, as Aids spreads from such high-risk groups as promiscuous homosexuals to the general population, it is likely to be transmitted from person to person less rapidly.

This modest optimism could be confounded if more virulent strains of the virus emerged which could be passed on by casual social contacts. Given the ability of the Aids virus to mutate, that horrifying prospect cannot be altogether excluded – though there is no sign of it as yet. By the same token, the disease might be contained *more* effectively if the public were to become either more moral or more prudent in sexual matters.

Both sorts of changes are perfectly possible. Indeed, to a modest extent, they are already visible. As Mr Fowler pointed out yesterday, the MORI poll published in *The Times* showed that, as a result of Aids and the public information campaign about it, 42 per cent of married people said that they would be less likely to have extra-marital sex, and 26 per cent of young single people are more likely to use a condom. Moreover, the recent fall in venereal diseases among homosexuals in this country suggests that some quite dramatic changes in sexual behaviour may already have begun.

It is plain from the same poll, however, that some myths persist which need dispelling. And if people are not reminded of the various risks of Aids, their level of knowledge could well decline again. So the campaign of public education launched yesterday remains necessary. Is it, however, well-conceived, or is there justice in the criticism of it as feeble and overly restrained?

If the television advertising were the entire campaign, that criticism might hold. But it is designed merely to draw attention to the much more informative leaflet. This it does clearly, simply, dramatically and with candour. The fact that it does not employ "street" terms to make its point is no drawback. Such language is not necessary to convey the information; it would offend and thus deter the interest of many people; and it may even contribute to that coarsening of the sensibilities on sexual matters which is one factor encouraging the sexual promiscuity behind Aids.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Unemployment tends to be higher in the north and west of Britain and lower in the south and east. This division has persisted through boom and slump and through all the different phases of industrial policy designed to do something about it. With few exceptions, places in the regional league table for unemployment have remained little changed for decades.

The delayed 1984 employment census underlines, however, the fact that the decline of the British manufacturing sector has widened these divisions even further. East Anglia and the South West, the only two regions to show rises in employment in the three years to September 1984, turn out to have fared even better than thought, while the North West turns out to have lost more jobs.

Right up to the present the experience of the four southern and eastern regions, which contain roughly half the working population, has been dramatically better than the rest. Over the full life of the government since 1979, East Anglia has gained jobs; the south-east, south-west and east midlands have lost about 2 per cent while the rest of the nation has suffered double figure net job losses.

There are specific reasons for the latest widening of the regional divide. The south east, in particular, has a much higher ratio of service to manufacturing jobs than average. Most of the new jobs are coming in services. The rise in self-employment and the fast-expanding job opportunities in financial and business services are passing by the old industrial cities.

Such an historic trend in market forces cannot be changed by public policy. Nor should government attempt to stem the tide as it once did so disastrously by diverting investment in the motor industry away from the West Midlands. The costly palliative subsidies of earlier regional policies have been discredited.

Evidently, just as the old manufacturing regions suffered most from mismanagement of the economy, high inflation and lost competitiveness, so they have most to gain from the general success of policies to improve competitiveness and recreate jobs.

There is, however, nothing in the trends to suggest that the relative disparity between regions would even then be significantly reduced without a concerted attempt to revive depressed regional conurbations. What is most needed are efforts to turn round the psychologically depressed cities, to encourage them to become centres of expanding industries that alone can provide the magnet for suppliers and services on which stable prosperity depends.

The rethinking of regional policy has made a shift of emphasis from propping up declining cities to helping them achieve the wherewithal to regain their own growth momentum. Freeports, enterprize zones, urban development corporations are all moves in the right direction. Helping to make depressed centres more attractive places to site new investment is a proper use of public money.

Fuller cooperation between local authorities – which often prefer welfare to wealth-creation – central government and business is needed if depressed cities are to plan their future by seeking to become national centres for industries with a future. This involves identifying local strengths, attracting carefully targeted private investment in those chosen areas and siting relevant government facilities and centres of educational excellence there.

Sheffield knows its future still lies as a steel centre and Nottingham is becoming more of a national centre for coal. But why, for example, has Manchester made so little pitch for the fashion industry?

Government can also take negative action to avoid making things worse. Takeovers of large provincially based companies by London-based groups have done untold harm to the regions, sending decision-making, top management ans professional services off to the capital. The current takeover bid for the Pilkinton glass multinational is a classic case in point. Although the Government has a number of City issues on its mind at present, this is one that it ought not to ignore.

ATLANTIC TRADE WINDS

Though this be method, yet there is madness in't. Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Foreign Secretary, have parted company after their two-day meeting in Bermuda, no closer to a solution of the deepening trade dispute between Europe and America. Given that the Old World and the New are engaged in a battle of nerves before the trade war which is threatening, this is not in itself all that surprising. But they are leaving it very late to reach agreement.

Washington last week announced large increases in the duty on European olives, cheese, tinned meats and liquor – includingBritishgin – unless better compensation should be offered for the loss of £400m grain sales to Spain following that country's accession to the European Community. The duty increases will take effect on January 31 (and be met with retaliatory measures from Brussels) unless a compromise can be found.

The European Community view has long been that if the grain for Spain stays mainly on the plane, the White House must blame itself. For months it has encouraged Portuguese and Spanish membership of the Community because this would consolidate the emergent democracies in both countries and help to ensure a pro-Nato vote in the Spanish referendum. Europeans argue that for the US now to complain about losses in agricultural exports makes it sound almost capricious – especially since there will new opportunities for US industrial goods entering Spain.

Mr Shultz complained yesterday that Washington has little room left for manoeuvre. Given a protectionist mood in Congress following a large trade deficit in November, there is great pressure on the administration to fight for its own producers.

Trade, of course, has implications far beyond the purely economic. But how far Sir Geoffrey Howe was wise to remind Mr Shultz of this during their Bermuda confrontation is less clear. To warn the Secretary of State that a trade war could damage the United States's image in Europe and affect the North Atlantic alliance is not perhaps the best kind of message to be carried back to Washington – with Congress in such belligerent mood. The aim should be damage limitation, not extension.

The trouble is that for months Europe held its fire, hoping that the threat of the impending mid-term elections would force the White House to come to terms. Washington's warnings over the impact of a Democratic victory in the Senate went unheeded. Now each side is up against a deadline, swapping threats.

A further opportunity to reach agreement arises later this month. This next session of talks in Washington will be at a lower level than the Shultz-Howe meeting in Bermuda, which is perhaps no bad thing, if only because it makes sense for the argument over trade to be contained. A trade war between Europe and America would be bad enough, but an all-out diplomatic row would be debilitating – and unnecessary. With superpower relations pasing through a period of uncertainty, it makes little sense for the two halves of the Western alliance to play Trick or Treat with each other.

For this reason, whatever the rights and srongs of the case, a compromise on compensation must be found. Otherwise the present battle of nerves could deteriorate into a permament neurosis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Causes of decline in merchant fleet

From Sir Robert Atkinson, FEng

Sir, In his letter of December 31 the President of the General Council of British Shipping refers to the danger to the strategic interests of our nation by continuing Government inaction to strengthen the investment base of our merchant marine. He also rightly states that the size and health of our national fleets is a matter for Government as well as others. He is not the first to state these truths.

I submit that the owning of our own ships *and* the sustained capability to design and build those ships is the true strategic need. It will be recalled that in the early 1970s about £250million was conceded by a Labour Government in investment grants to British shipowners.

Foolishly, there were no strings attached to these facilities so British shipowners spent about £180million abroad, mostly in Japan, which served to build up the asset base of that country's shipbuilding, thus strengthening its ability further to under-cut British shipbuilding. The South Koreans have now largely taken over that rôle.

It is a fact that in some cases Far Eastern ship prices are about equal to EEC material prices only, which means that our inability to compete is totally unrelated to productivity; indeed HM Government was warned in 1982-83 that unless positive action were taken promptly British (and European) shipbuilding capability could become extinct, as it subsequently has become in Sweden.

It may not be generally realised that the present size of the EEC fleet (including Greece) is still the largest in the world. The EEC therefore has the ability to exert pressure within the OECD to stop and prevent unfair competition from the Far East.

It is noted with interest that HM Government has recently and belatedly stated that there is a need within the EEC for an increased intervention fund (i.e., a shipbuilding subsidy for *all* EEC countries).

The real help required of HM Government is to assist British shipbuilding to build ships for British owners, the former strengthening our depleted manufacturing base and the latter our invisible earnings. In this way the needs of our strategic interests and our economy are both satisfied.

Yours faithfully,
R. ATKINSON (Chairman, British Shipbuilders, 1980-84),
Southwood House,
Itchen Abbas,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Nato at risk from US 'trade war'

From Commander Hugh Mulleneux, RN (retd)

Sir, How on earth can effective military cooperation be expected within the Atlantic Alliance if Europe and North America elect to fight a trade war at the same time (report, January 1)?

Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which seeks to eliminate conflict in economic policies and encourage collaboration, has lain virtually dormant for far too long. There is now an urgent need for implementation.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MULLENEUX,
Holbeam Wood,
Wallcrouch,
Wadhurst, Sussex.

Sakharov's return

From Mr A. Murphy

Sir, It is profoundly disquieting that the main theme of your leader (December 24) on Dr Sakharov's return from exile is that his role as leading spokesman for the dissident movement will probably be diminished by changes which have taken place, both in Soviet society and the dissident movement, during his stay in exile.

Dr Sakharov has consistently fought for human rights and long maintained that these are not compatible with the totalitarian nature of the Soviet State. In his "Appeal to the Parliaments of All Helsinki-Signatory States", delivered direct to their embassies and published in his last major work before exile – *Alarm and Hope* (1978) – Sakharov declared:

> We are living through a period of history in which the decisive support of the principles of freedom of conscience, an open society, and the rights of man is an absolute necessity. The alternative is surrender to totalitarianism, the loss of all precious freedom, and political, economic, and moral degradation. The West, its political and moral leaders, its free and decent peoples, must not allow this.

How did your leader writer overlook this uncompromising central critique of totalitarianism when asserting "... some of Dr Sakharov's views are no longer quite so iconoclastic or subversive as they were before?" Or find himself able to suggest that it would not be surprising "... if the authorities had calculated that Dr Sakharov will have less cause to speak out than he had in the latter years of Brezhnev?" Or suggest that the "new dissenters" are more uncompromising and have new causes when Dr Sakharov has time and again championed the causes he enumerates? And most shameful of all, that Dr Sakharov might face a painful choice between freedom and continued patronage of the human rights movement? What does he believe Sakharov has been doing in Gorky these last seven years?

Yours sincerely,
TONY MURPHY,
121 Welwyn Park Avenue,
Hull, Humberside.

Macmillan succession

From Lord Nugent of Guildford

Sir, Mr Humphry Berkeley's letter of January 5 tells us that in 1963, when Mr Harold Macmillan retired from the premiership, he instructed his Chief Whip, Mr Martin Redmayne, to put a question to each Conservative MP as follows: "If there is deadlock between Rab and Quintin would you accept Alec Home?"

Mr Berkeley also states that Mr Macmillan was determined to deny to Mr R. A. Butler the succession to the premiership.

In fact, Mr Berkeley has got the picture out of perspective. The decisions for this uncomfortable succession were taken at the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool, in October of 1963, when Mr Macmillan had just retired to hospital. Possibly the passing of nearly a quarter of a century has dimmed his memory (or maybe he was not present at the conference) and may have limited Mr Berkeley's view of the facts of the succession.

At the party conference it became clear to all present that support for Quintin Hogg and Rab Butler was equally divided and equally strongly held. It was therefore decided to approach the Earl of Home, for whom affection and respect in the party was universal. He was a most reluctant starter, well understanding the sacrifice and hazard he would face. His eventual consent to be considered for the leadership was given only on the basis that no consensus could be reached on either Quintin Hogg or Rab Butler.

Martin Redmayne undertook to ask all Conservative MPs the crucial question accordingly. The result showed that consensus was only possible on the basis of the Earl of Home succeeding and giving up his ancient title. He acceded, *pro bono publico*, as is his wont.

Whatever Mr Macmillan's personal view may have been on the succession, I have never heard of any evidence of overt action by him to deny the prospect to Rab Butler, and I doubt if any exists.

Yours faithfully,
NUGENT of GUILDFORD,
House of Lords.

From Mr Alan Green

Sir, I was Minister of State at the Board of Trade and due to leave for Japan after the Blackpool conference. Having decided that I must carry on with my visit, I also decided that I must tell the Chief Whip of my personal prefe.ence for the succession.

I told Martin Redmayne *without being asked* that if Lord Home was available, he would be my choice.

Unlike Mr Berkeley I did not and do not presume to speak for the overwhelming majority of Conservative MPs.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GREEN,
The Stables,
Sabden, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Oxford election

From Mr R. G. Opie

Sir, Your diarist, PHS, today (December 31) dismisses Mrs Thatcher's chances of succeeding the late Earl of Stockton as Chancellor of the University of Oxford. He writes that "Oxford even refused to give her an honorary doctorate" and concludes that "she is likely to be passed over". Alas, he is, I fear, far too optimistic, if only because he is misinformed.

The electorate that rejected the proposal to give the Prime Minister an honorary doctorate was Congregation, the assembly of teaching, i.e., senior, members of the university. The electorate for the chancellorship is Convocation, a much larger body of those graduates of the university who have paid their dues and taken out their MA degree.

When Mr Macmillan, as he then was, was elected in 1960, his nomination and campaign were masterminded by Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, of Oriel College, Oxford, with bus and train loads of newly enrolled electors converging on the Sheldonian Theatre.

I can foresee a repetition, masterminded this time by Lord Dacre, of Peterhouse, Cambridge. The whole affair could be codenamed "Operation revenge".

Yours faithfully,
R. G. OPIE,
New College, Oxford.
December 31.

Teachers' salaries

From the National Chairman of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers

Sir, The Bill to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act 1965 goes to the Lords for its second reading on January 12 and we may expect an outcry from those who feel that they are losing the rights they have gained over the years to participate in negotiations.

Among all the outcry, it will conveniently not be noticed that the local authorities and the further education union, NATFHE (National Association of Teaching in Further and Higher Education), are preparing to exclude from negotiations in the further and higher education sector the union representing higher education lecturers, namely the Association of Polytechnic Teachers.

Of course, the history of negotiations of both the school and further education levels may be described as being, in the terms of company law, "fraud on the minority". The local authorities and some of the unions are paying the price for that fraud in the future of the settlement of school salaries while, at the same time, they are looking to perpetuate that fraud in the further education and higher education sector.

It may be a cause for surprise that the Government is allowing this fraud to continue.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. BURRIN, National Chairman,
Association of Polytechnic Teachers,
Caxton Chambers, 81 Albert Road,
Southsea, Hampshire.

Copyright earnings

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, From today (January 1) the works of Rudyard Kipling become freely available for commercial gain by any Tom, Dick or Harry with wily plans to exploit them. At the same time I wager that not a penny piece will be lifted from the current published price of any "legitimate" Kipling book, be it in paperback or cloth.

The arts meanwhile cry out for additional funds when all the time the simple nationalisation of copyright and its ownership by some non-governmental trust could almost painlessly recoup many millions a year by the imposition of copyright fees. No artistic material, in whatever form, should pass into the "public domain" for "private" exploitation.

The task of administration may be daunting, but much less so with the aid of such computerisation as has been introduced by the Performing Right Society, which seems now able to snatch its proper fee if the hint of a Noël Coward composition emanates from the smallest village hall.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LUSTY,
Broad Close,
Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.

As she is spoke

From Mr Martin Benson

Sir, What view, I wonder, would George Bernard Shaw ("On This Day", January 2), in his capacity as chairman of the committee which advised the BBC on spoken English, have taken of the total loss of the second syllable by BBC voices when describing a place in which his books are kept as a "liebree"?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BENSON, Chairman,
Savage Club,
9 Fitzmaurice Place,
Berkelev Square. W1.

Patent protection

From Dr J. P. Griffin and Mr D. G. Taylor

Sir, Mr Archy Kirkwood (December 23) claims that the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry has mounted an "astonishing" campaign to abolish licences of right as they apply to pharmaceutical patents which embodies "half-truths". This is not so: it is Mr Kirkwood's arguments which are fundamentally flawed.

Mr Kirkwood claims that abolition of licences of right on medicine patents would "impose an extra £150-200million annual burden on the National Health Service's drugs bill by the early 1990s". This is a ludicrously exaggerated figure.

Abolition of the licences of right yet to be granted on medicine patents first filed between 1967 and 1978 (no withdrawal of existing licences is being suggested) would enhance the UK investment confidence of the research-based pharmaceutical industry, at little cost to the NHS.

Mr Kirkwood appears oblivious to the problems of continuing medicine patent erosion. Due to extended safety testing and other development requirements it now takes an average of some 12 years after patent filing before a new pharmaceutical product can be marketed, leaving only eight years of "on-the-market" protection.

Erosion of effective medicine patent terms has continued unabated since the passing of the Patents Act, 1977, negating as far as pharmaceutical manufacturers are concerned the general four-year extension granted by that Act.

Mr Kirkwood states that "the claim that the licence of right provision in the 1977 Patents Act is 'unique to the UK' is at best a half-truth" and that "the degree of (patent) protection in Britain is exceptionally great". In fact, the UK licence of right provisions made in 1977 were unique amongst all European Patent Convention countries and the overall level of patent protection available to pharmaceutical innovators in Britain is weaker than in the US, Germany, Switzerland, France and Japan.

There are other points on which Mr Kirkwood could be challenged. However, to conclude, all but a few per cent of the more-than-80,000 people employed in the UK pharmaceutical sector have their jobs in companies which support licence of right abolition in relation to medicine patents. ABPI is firmly convinced that such a reform would be in the interest of the entire British population.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. GRIFFIN, Director,
D. G. TAYLOR,
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry,
12 Whitehall, SW1.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 9 1849

In the wake of the "Great Hunger" of 1845-49 when blight struck the potato – the sole item of diet for a third of the Irish – came mass emigration, mainly to the United States. Between 1841 and 1860 more than 1.6 million left Ireland

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[IRELAND'S NEW HOPE]

It is a growing expectation in Ireland that we are now about to witness one of the most momentous operations of society – the removal of a people *en masse* to a distant shore. The half million who have got off with no very great stir in the course of two years are but an advanced guard to the main body that follows. It must, indeed, be the most furious impulse or the direct necessity that can urge men at this season of the year to cast themselves on the deep, to brave the wide Atlantic, to be thrown on they know not what headland or shoal, in the storms and the fogs which beset the wished-for shore, and at the best to land in a country still ribbed with ice and buried in snow. Yet we were told the other day of ten emigrant vessels taking refuge in the Cove of Cork, of crowds waiting at other ports for the chance of a passage, and of multitudes ejected from their holdings, and now lodging in towns with no other hope upon earth than once to put their feet on the shore of the New World. We believe it to be even as it is described. The failure of the staple crop, the burden of maintaining the victims of famine, the impossibility of paying rates upon small holdings, and the invincible objection to pay them upon holdings of any size, constitute an expellent force of which the like was never seen. Pauperism in all its bearings is depopulating the island. They who are paupers, they who expect to be paupers, and they who loathe the thought of contributing their hard earnings to be squandered upon paupers, are equally out of heart, and resolved to go elsewhere. When the mind is resolved, the means only are wanting. But among the many redeeming virtues of this intractable and unfortunate race is a strength of family affection which no distance, no time, no pressure, no prosperity can destroy; and every one of the half million who have safely effected their retreat consecrates his first earnings to the pious work of rescuing a parent, a brother, or a sister from Ireland.

What most contributes to this result, more even than famine or any other actual event, is that the long-cherished dream of Irish nationality has utterly vanished away. That fond delusion is a thing of the past. O'Connell saw it fade away, and his spirit died within him. A few poor misguided creatures have tried to take up his cause and blow it into life, but they are worse than dead. The impossible vision of a Celtic Republic, consisting of a million or two small but happy freeholders, making their own laws, choosing their own lords, and playing fast and loose with Her Britannic Majesty, is now a nursery fable, and numbers with those superstitions which abound on St Patrick's isle. But on that die has the Celt staked all his pride and romance. That hope gone, he feels no other tie to his soil. Forced to give up the poetry of his national ambition, he is now ready to put up with the substance, and seek the solid benefits of land and employment in another soil. The fabulous and empiric nationality of O'Connell once exploded, little else survives of the national tie. Of all people in the world there are none who feel less mutual confidence than the Irish. That quality is the growth of industry, of cultivation, of arts, of institutions, of all that demonstrates the power of organized co-operation, and brings out the virtues that win mutual respect. The Irishman is painfully aware of his national weakness. His hope is now to rise, not on his strength, but on the strength of the thriving Transatlantic community.

... The history of this island shows by how many invasions, conquests, compromises, and fusions of races the British character has attained its noble though composite excellence ... The experience of our own good fortune makes us wish to see the Celtic race allied to more vigorous and fortunate elements. The fates, however, seem to forbid that fusion in these islands. The Celt calls Ireland his own, and is jealous of interlopers, while in England, also, our superior wealth and cultivation have created an interval which can seldom be passed. Religion also stands in the way. That part, too, of our industrial system which would otherwise offer the best opening for union and improvement is too full and too fixed to admit a Celtic immigration. A Connaught man may bring his family into Manchester and hide them in a cellar, but he could hardly get a night's lodging in an agricultural village, except once a year, for himself and his sickle. Now America supplies the opportunities of national fusion and perfection which are impossible at home. In those vast and thinly-peopled countries, labour is precious, has friends and elbow room, finds openings and opportunities everywhere, and, what is more, feels itself neither intruder nor exclusive owner, but simply a free citizen on a free soil.

Odds-on chance

From Mr Noël Barber

Sir, How is this for coincidence? I have been married twice. Both my wives were born on the same date: December 16.

My wife has been married twice. Both her husbands were born on September 9.

Yours truly,
NOËL BARBER,
312a Kings Road, SW3.
January 1.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Lady Charlotte Fraser gave birth to a daughter on New Year's Day.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Jon Bradshaw will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, at noon, on Tuesday, January 20.

Birthdays today

Major D.S. Allhusen, 73; Sir Rudolf Bing, 85; Mr George Buchanan, 83; Sir John Buckley, 74; Mr Clive Dunn, 65; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 87; Father Benedict Green, 63; Mr Terry Hands, 46; Mr David Holbrook, 64; Sir Glyn Jones, 79; Mr Richard Nixon, 74; Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 86; Mr Ralph Tubbs, 75; Mr David Watt, 55; the Right Rev F.H. West, 78; Miss Susannah York, 45.

Luncheon

Butchers' Company

Mr Norman C. Poultney, Master of the Butchers' Company, presided at a luncheon held at Butchers' Hall. Mr Oriel Jones and Mr Alan Church, President of the National Federation of Meat Traders, also spoke.

Dinner

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner at the Mansion House last night members of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mayors of the Greater London Boroughs, the Alderman, Sheriffs, high officers of the Corporation of London and the Ward Clerks of the City of London. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Commoner also spoke. Other guests included:

Sir Denis Truscott, Sir Ralph Perring, Sir Gilbert Inglefield, Mr Paul Beasley, Mr Terry Heiser, Mr Richard Page, MP, Mr Maurice Stonefrost, Sir James Swaffield, Sir Godfrey Taylor and Mr John Howes.

Service dinner

Royal Naval Reserve

Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve Public Affairs Branch held a dining-in night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night.

Church news

Mr Hector McLean, personnel and management services director of ICI agricultural division on Teesside, has been appointed Appointments Secretary to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. He succeeds Mr Michael Kinchin-Smith, who retires in March.

Appointments

Mr Jeremy Varcoe to be Ambassador to the Somali Republic in succession to Mr W.H. Fullerton, who will be taking up an appointment in London.

The Rev Dr Kenneth Slack to be Chairman of the Board of Directors of SCM Press, in succession to Canon Trevor Beeson.

Correction

Mr George Rainbow, of Moreton in Marsh, founder of the publishing house of George Rainbow, left estate valued at £55,415 net, not £655,415 net as reported on Wednesday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.W. Boyle
and Miss F.M. St Aubyn

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the Hon John and Mrs Boyle, of Dunkeld, Perthshire, and Fiona, daughter of the Hon Piers and Mrs St Aubyn, of Barcombe, East Sussex.

Mr R. Bennett
and Miss E. Poole

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bennett, of Upton, Wirral, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs H.R. Poole, of West Kirby, Wirral.

Mr N. St J. Blake
and Miss E.G.M. Douglas

The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Mr and Mrs N.E. Blake, of 5 Barnston Road, Heswall, Wirral, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Douglas, of Kirkwood, Corsock, Castle Douglas.

Mr B.K. Bromage
and Miss F.J. McKenzie

The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs J.R.V.A. Bromage, of Lamberhurst, Kent, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.L. McKenzie, of Inchinnan, Renfrewshire.

Mr P.J. Brummitt
and Miss S.M. Vickery

The engagement is announced between Peter John, son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Brummitt, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, and Shona Margaret, daughter of Mr B.T. Vickery, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mrs M. Vickery, of Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.

Mr J.M. Carless
and Miss F.G. Hopkinson

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.H.K. Carless, of Box, Wiltshire, and Fiona, daughter of Captain C.A. Hopkinson, RN, of Corsley, Wiltshire, and Mrs J.D. FitzJohn, of Turleigh, Wiltshire.

Mr G.D.G. Carr
and Miss A.L. Barlow

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Granville Carr, of Fulwood, Sheffield, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Barlow, of Dore, Sheffield.

Mr R. Derrick
and Miss A. Barton

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Derrick, of Otterbourne, Hampshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr Don Barton and the late Mrs Jean Barton, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr M.D. Evans
and Miss G.M. Dixon

The engagement is announced between Martin David, younger son of the late Mr J.L. Evans and Mrs H.U. Evans, of Porchester, Hampshire, and Gillian Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Dixon, of Henton, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.S. Lodge
and Miss S.A. Dawson

The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Dr and Mrs B. Lodge, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Lincoln, and Sara, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H.F. Dawson, of Sudbrooke, Lincoln.

Dr S.G. Loud
and Dr C.E. Knight

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs G. Loud, of The Post Office, Curry Rival, and Caroline, daughter of Dr P.F. Knight, of Farnham Common, and Mrs M. Knight, of Victoria Cottage, Lane End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.J. Greaves
and Miss C.R. Monro

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Greaves, of Sandwich, Kent, and Catriona, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alastair Monro, of Sandwich, Kent and Chisseaux, France.

Mr A.J. Harbord
and Miss A.C. Theed

The engagement is announced between Antony, son of the late S.J.F. Harbord and Mrs M.T. Harbord, of Bampton, Devon, and Alison, second daughter of the late Group Captain W.A. Theed and Mrs P. Theed, of Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.R. Harvey
and Miss J.M. Jago

The engagement is announced between Malcolm Richard, son of Mrs Mary Harvey, of London, and Judy Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G. Jago, of Copsale, West Sussex.

Dr R.G. Henderson
and Miss J.E. Tomblin

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Henderson, of Helen's Bay, Co Down, and Jane, daughter of Mr B.J. Tomblin and Mrs J. Tomblin, of Barton Seagrave, Kettering.

Mr T.J. Hockings
and Miss H.M. Lawton

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Hockings, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Helene Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B. Lawton, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

Mr P.T.F. Hood
and Miss I.G. Begg

The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frederick P. Hood, of Plummers Plain, Sussex, and Isabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith G. Begg, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr A.L.R. House
and Miss C.E.S. Martin

The engagement is announced between Alistair Lance Richard, elder son of the late Mr R.H.B. House and Mrs R.T. Moore, of Purn House Farm, Bleadon, Avon, and Charlotte Elizabeth Sealy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs L.T. Martin, of Crossways House, Cross, Somerset.

Mr D. Johnston
and Miss F. Radcliffe

The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs Donald Sinclair Johnston, of Dulwich, London, and Felicity, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Radcliffe, of Glemsford, Suffolk.

M V. Lestringand
and Miss C.E. Price

The engagement is announced between Valery, youngest son of M and Mme Lestringand, of Paris, France, and Christine Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Price, of Gillingham, Kent.

Mr D. Madoc-Jones
and Miss P.J. Gledson

The engagement is announced between David, son of Group Captain and Mrs H. Madoc-Jones, of Old Walls, Gower, and Penny, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Gledson, of Little Shrewley, Warwickshire.

Mr H.C.R. Michelmore
and Dr C.J.M. Stephens

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Dr and Mrs H.R.A. Michelmore, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Catherine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs D.J. Stephens, of Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Squadron Leader C.M. Nickols
and Miss J.L. Lancaster

The engagement is announced between Christopher Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Nickols, of Canterbury, Kent, and Janette Leslie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.F. Lancaster, of Knutsford, Cheshire.

Mr J.P. Onions
and Miss S.L. Hine

The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, only son of Mr Derrick Onions and the late Violet Onions, of Bromley, Kent, formerly of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Hine, of Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mr R.G.E. Page
and Miss N. Polaine

The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Page, of Brightling, East Sussex, and Nicole, only daughter of Mr Reggie Polaine and Mrs Jo Polaine, of London, W11.

Mr N.W.R. Parker
and Miss T.E. Whittington

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Allan Parker, of Worthing, Sussex, and Tracey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Whittington, of Coldwaltham, near Pulborough, Sussex.

Mr N.M. Parsons
and Miss J.P. Van Horne

The engagement is announced between Neill Michael, younger son of Mr Michael Burrough Parsons, of Chailey, East Sussex, and the late Mrs Marie Renée Guillot Parsons, and Jennifer Pauline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Van Horne, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.R. Ralph
and Miss J.L. Wilkins

The engagement is announced between David Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. Ralph, of Goring by Sea, West Sussex, and Joanna Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.J. Wilkins, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.J. Reade
and Miss H.E. Montgomery

The engagement is announced between David John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Reade, of Carncairn Lodge, Broughshane, Co Antrim, and Henrietta Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Montgomery, of Benvarden, Dervock, Co Antrim.

Dr C. Reisner
and Miss S.V.J. Farr

The engagement is announced between Colin, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Reisner, of Dullingham, Cambridgeshire, and Susanna, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J.H. Farr, of Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr D.G. Richardson
and Miss E.J. Mountfield

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Richardson, of Molescroft, Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Mountfield, of Wykeham, Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr S.M.B. Rogers
and Miss S.A. McElney

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr J.B. Rogers, of Llandonna, Anglesey, North Wales, and Mrs S. Kinnear, of Gullane, East Lothian, Scotland, and Suzi, daughter of Mr D.H. McElney, of Tavistock, Devon.

Mr P.D. Ross
and Miss G.F. Goldinger

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Basil Ross, of London, NW3, and the late Leah Ross, and Gerda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Goldinger, of Uplawmoor, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Mr J.E.L. Sale
and Miss F. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Julian Edward Loyd, eldest son of Mrs A.J.L. Sale and the late Lieutenant-Colonel R.E.W. Sale, of Dowdeswell, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mr D. Taylor and the late Mrs M. Taylor, of Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

Mr C.G. Shewell
and Mrs S.J.E. Cadogan

The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs H.T. Shewell, of Sheringham, Norfolk, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Macdonell, of Hythe, Kent.

Mr C.G. Smith
and Miss J.M. Blanthorn

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Blanthorn, of Sundridge, Kent.

Mr M. Tapply
and Mrs K.G. Follas

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs R.M. Tapply, of Bunessan, Isle of Mull, and Kay, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.W. Townsend, of Bowes Park, London.

Mr C.S.N. van Hagen
and Miss M.J. Howard

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. van Hagen, of Cedar House, Christchurch, Dorset, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Howard, of Warley, West Midlands.

Mr R.J. Waterfield
and Miss V.M. Jameson

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Waterfield, of Edge Grove, Aldenham, Hertfordshire, and Valerie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Jameson, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

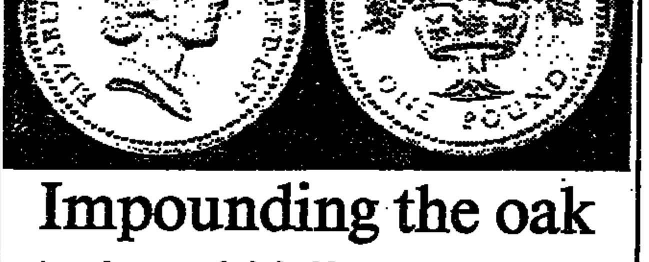
Marriage

Mr B.A. Crossman
and Miss E.J. Armitage

The marriage took place on Tuesday, December 30, in Bristol, of Mr Brian Crossman, son of Mr and Mrs S.J. Crossman, Beech Croft, East Knoyle, Wiltshire, and Miss Elizabeth Armitage, daughter of Mr and Mrs St John Armitage, The Old Vicarage, East Horrington, Somerset.

Woodhouse Grove School

Term at Woodhouse Grove School begins today with 559 pupils in the school. The beginning of term service today commemorates the 175th anniversary of the foundation of the school and the guest preacher will be the Rev Douglas Brown, the Secretary of the Methodist Education Committee. The 175th anniversary bursary and scholarship appeal was launched yesterday by the chairman of governors, Mr G.B. Greenwood. The Choral Service for Passiontide will take place on March 29, and term ends on March 31.



Impounding the oak

An oak tree encircled with a royal diadem will replace the traditional lion and unicorn crest on the new English £1 coin, the Royal Mint announced yesterday. The coin, which will go into circulation in April, is the last of the designs representing the four constituent parts of the United Kingdom.

Science report

Space telescopes to aid weather forecasting

By Andrew Wiseman

Soviet radio astronomers are moving into meteorology. They are planning to create a monitoring system equivalent to a huge radio telescope with an aerial of 700,000 kilometres in diameter.

It will link three 70-metre ground based radio telescopes with two space based ones. Should they succeed, long-term weather forecasts would improve dramatically.

The idea is an extension of a technique used by radio astronomers throughout the world called radio interferometry. It was conceived on a small scale in the early 1960s. The development made it possible to improve the resolution of radio telescopes without increasing the diameter of their receiving aerials.

Described as a "qualitative leap in the development of radio astronomy", international radio interferometers are now made up of aerials sited in different parts of the world, but operating as if they were a single entity. Initially the distance between them was a few kilometres but today they stretch from one continent to another. Typical examples are Australia-USA and California-The Crimea.

In 1979 Soviet astronauts assembled KRT-10, the world's first space-based radio telescope, aboard the Salyut-6 orbital station. In subsequent experiments they set up the original Earth-space radio interferometer, consisting of a 10-metre long, space-based aerial, working synchronously with the 70-metre ground base dish at the long-range space communication centre in the Crimean town of Yevpatoryia. This laid the foundations for the current project.

Called Radioastron, it will require two radio telescopes in near-Earth orbits. One with an apogee of about 100 kilometres, the others between 400,000 and 700,000 kilometres. The experiment will last two years and the Soviets say it should be possible to scan any sections of the skies or Earth for unlimited and uninterupted periods.

The ground based partners for these telescopes would be provided by two of the largest Soviet radio telescopes in the Crimea and the Far Eastern city of Ussuriisk, as well as one being built on the Suffa Plateau in Uzbekistan. Foreign observatories could also be asked to cooperate.

The Russians say that although the space radio telescopes would be fitted together in orbit from standard sections hundreds of metres in diameter, they are expected to cost less than comparable assemblies on Earth. They should also be able to operate without interference from ground based radio stations.

Although some of the research would concentrate on quasars and pulsars, the project could be of more practical and immediate value to man. Looking down on our planet, independent of weather conditions or the time of day, the space-based aerials could provide a constant and accurate picture of conditions on land and the high seas, giving information valuable to farmers, fishermen and meterologists.

OBITUARY

DR PETER TAYLOR

Authority on workers' health

Dr Peter Taylor, FRCP, specialist in occupational medicine, died on January 6. He was 57.

Peter John Taylor was born on September 24, 1929, the son of a soldier. He was educated at Clifton College and studied medicine at St Thomas's Hospital medical school, where he qualified with honours in 1954.

After National Service in the RAF medical branch (with the rank of squadron leader), he embarked on his chosen career of occupational medicine.

In 1960 he got a job with Shell Oil in Indonesia as a medical officer. Three years later he went to the company's Shell Haven refinery in Essex. It was during his time there that he published the first of a series of papers on sickness absence in industry which firmly established him as the foremost British authority on the subject.

It was characteristic of the man that, although asked almost *ad nauseam* to talk about it, he never refused and always brought to it his own freshness and vitality.

In 1968 he went as deputy director to the department of occupational health in the London School of Hygiene, where he did more valuable and original epidemiological work. In 1971 he was appointed chief medical officer of the Post Office, then a government department, which had had an occupational health service for over 100 years.

His annual reports, circulated to his colleagues, were not only models of lucid prose, but a treasure house of epidemiology, so skilfully did he tap the rich store of records available to him.

With the break-up of the Post Office in 1981, he became international medical adviser to Unilever. In this post he travelled the world ceaselessly, and was always in demand to lecture and give advice.

He was elected a member of the Royal College of Physicians in 1956, and was made a Fellow in 1971. He was awarded the British Medical Association's occupation health prize in 1967, and was president of the Society of Occupational Medicine in 1974-5.

He was one of the key figures in the founding of the faculty of occupational medicine within the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1978. He became dean of the faculty in 1981 and, when he retired from the post three years later, had seen it grow in both numbers and stature.

He wrote extensively for specialist publications and published two books: *Absenteeism* (1969) and *Health at Work* (1975).

On the issue of absenteeism he was always quick to come to the defence of workers. The British worker was not a malingerer, he claimed. Although absenteeism through sickness had risen in this country since the 1950s, it had risen less than in many other European countries.

In 1980 he anticipated what is now law when he advocated that workers should be allowed to sign their medical certificates themselves.

Taylor was a tireless worker who always left home at 6 a.m. to be in his office by eight. He was a wise leader, but he was, above all, a rounded man, with clarity of thought and expression. He was frank and entirely without pomp. Vice-president of the East Anglia donkey show, he was fond of donkeys and kept a few himself.

He married, in 1959, Josephine (Jo) Marian Hetherington. She survives him with their son and daughter.

SIR GEOFFREY TODD

Sir Geoffrey Todd, KCVO, OBE, physician and surgeon, died on Christmas Eve. He was 86.

Geoffrey Sydney Todd was born at Melbourne, Australia, on November 2, 1900. He was educated at King's School, Parramatta, and Sydney University where he graduated in medicine in 1925. He was schoolboy tennis champion of Australia.

After work at Wagga District, NSW, he came to England with an interest in surgery, but, changing to medicine, gained his membership of the Royal College of Physicians in 1929. The following year he became house physician and, later, house surgeon to the Brompton Hospital.

He was resident medical officer there from 1930 to 1934, and in later life was on its board of governors.

In 1934 he was appointed medical superintendent to King Edward VII Sanatorium, a position he held until he retired in 1970.

With his perceptive mind he was admirably fitted for the care of patients with pulmonary tuberculosis during the years preceeding the introduction of chemotheraphy, in which he also played an active role during the early drug trials of the Medical Research Council.

Todd's interest in surgery, and close friendship with the leading thoracic surgeons of his time, caused him to advocate surgery in the management of chest disease. In this he demanded high standards from his staff.

He was a member, and subsequently vice-chairman, of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board from the inception of the NHS. For many years he was honorary consultant in chest diseases to the Army and RAF.

During the Second World War he directed the treatment of many service and civilian patients with chest injuries, when Midhurst became a centre for such treatment.

He retained close links with colleagues and friends in Australia and the United States and, through his training of repatriated medical PoWs and the secondment of young doctors from Australia, he had a wide influence on the post-war management of pulmonary tuberculosis and chest disease in Australia.

He was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1940, and a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Physicians in 1960. He was a DL for Sussex in 1968. He served as chairman of the British Tuberculosis Association and of the Australian and New Zealand Medical Association.

He married, in 1955, Margaret Alan Sheen, who survives him. There were no children of the marriage.

MRS GRACE HICKLING

Mrs Grace Hickling, MBE, protector of Northumbrian wildlife, died on December 30. She was 78.

She was born on August 10, 1908, the only daughter of an engineer. She was educated at Harrogate Ladies' College and, after a spell at Armstrong College, studied mathematics and geography at Newnham College, Cambridge, before taking up a teaching post.

At the outbreak of war she became one of only three intelligence officers in the regional war room at Newcastle.

In 1948 she became hon secretary of the Natural History Society of Northumbria, and held the post until her death. But it is for her work on the Farne Islands' grey seal colony that she will, perhaps, be best remembered. In the winter of 1951 she was involved with the first tagging of the seals there.

She took part in the ringing of the islands' birds, and spent many hundreds of hours writing detailed notes of her visits.

Her dedication was recognized with the award, in 1959, of the silver medal of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Her husband, Professor H. G. A. Hickling, predeceased her.

THE EARL OF STOCKTON

In 1968 Brigadier C. R. Britten, OBE, MC, entrusted the tribute printed below to the officer commanding, Grenadier Guards, with the request that it be sent to The Times "when Harold Macmillan passes on". Brigadier Britten died in 1984.

Harold and I went to Eton in the same Half [term], so we were old friends when we met again in July 1915 on the formation of the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards at Marlow.

In a few weeks we proceeded overseas to join the newly formed Guards Division, and on September 27 the Battalion had its christening at the Battle of Loos. With three other officers I was personally left behind in Vermelles as first re-inforcements. That night Ludlow, the Quartermaster, went up to Loos with the rations whilst we remained in a cellar in the village.

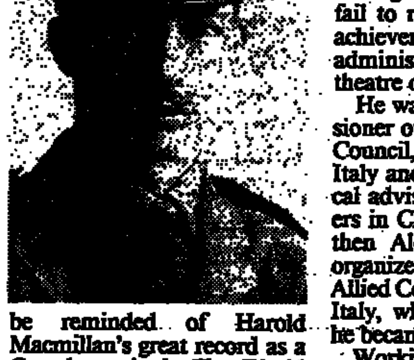
In the early hours of next morning Ludlow came back to Vermelles and, to our horror, told us of the terrible casualties the Battalion had suffered. Well do I remember how he spoke of Harold Macmillan - "The Artillary Commander, when Harold arrived at Loos, was almost demented because there were no Infantry between his guns and the enemy.

"Regardless of shot and shell Harold, aged 21, walked up and down the road in full view of the enemy holding the General by the arm and saying his men would be there in a few minutes and all would be well".

" The whole Battalion is talking of Harold Macmillan's bravery", he added, and I know that during the next two years or so anything brave was described by the Guardsmen as "nearly as brave as Mr Macmillan". What higher tribute could there be. Finally he was wounded and taken to hospital.

Within a few months he was back again in France, this time with the 2nd Battalion, where he was wounded twice and received a commendation from the Brigade Commander for his report gained on patrol within the enemy lines. The first wound in the knee did not stop him - he carried on.

It is remarkable that, with this outstanding record as a young officer and three times wounded, no decoration came his way. This may well have been due to casualties amongst senior officers, but I do feel that the public should be reminded of Harold Macmillan's great record as a Guardsman in the First World War.



Mr V. C. Coley writes:

Your obituary of the late Lord Stockton, in common with other tributes, fails to note his long-standing interest in industry and management training.

For three years, from 1934 to 1936, the then Harold Macmillan, MP, was a very active president of the former Institute of Industrial Administration.

This institute, founded in 1919, was not only the leading body in this country for work in the field of general management and the foremost exponent of education for management, but was the forerunner of the British Institute of Management, with which it was fully merged in 1951.

The official history of the IIA comments on its former president: "The institute has always been fortunate in having as presidents prominent men who have been willing to give time and energy to furthering the work, and Mr Harold Macmillan has set an example in this.

"Not only did he preside at the functions organized by the institute, but in his personal contacts with senior industrialists he lost no opportunity of gaining their goodwill. During his period as president the standing of the institute was definitely raised to a higher level".

Despite the demands of political life Lord Stockton continued his close interest in all management matters and, even when Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1955, he found time to attend and address a dinner meeting of the London branch of the BIM.

Mr Maurice Lush writes:

Having read *The Times* obituary of Lord Stockton I suggest that the paragraphs covering his activities in Italy during the Second World War fail to record his remarkable achievements, political and administrative, in the Italian theatre of war.

He was UK High Commissioner on the Allied Advisory Council, resident minister in Italy and thereby chief political adviser to the Commanders in Chief, first Wilson and then Alexander, and finally organizer of the reformed Allied Control Commission in Italy, whose acting president he became in 1944.

Working always with his American counterpart, he took a leading part in establishing the position of the King of Italy and his first, post-fascist prime minister, Badoglio. He led the way to the reorganization of the Allied Control Commission on practical lines, abolishing Allied Military Government except in the battle zones.

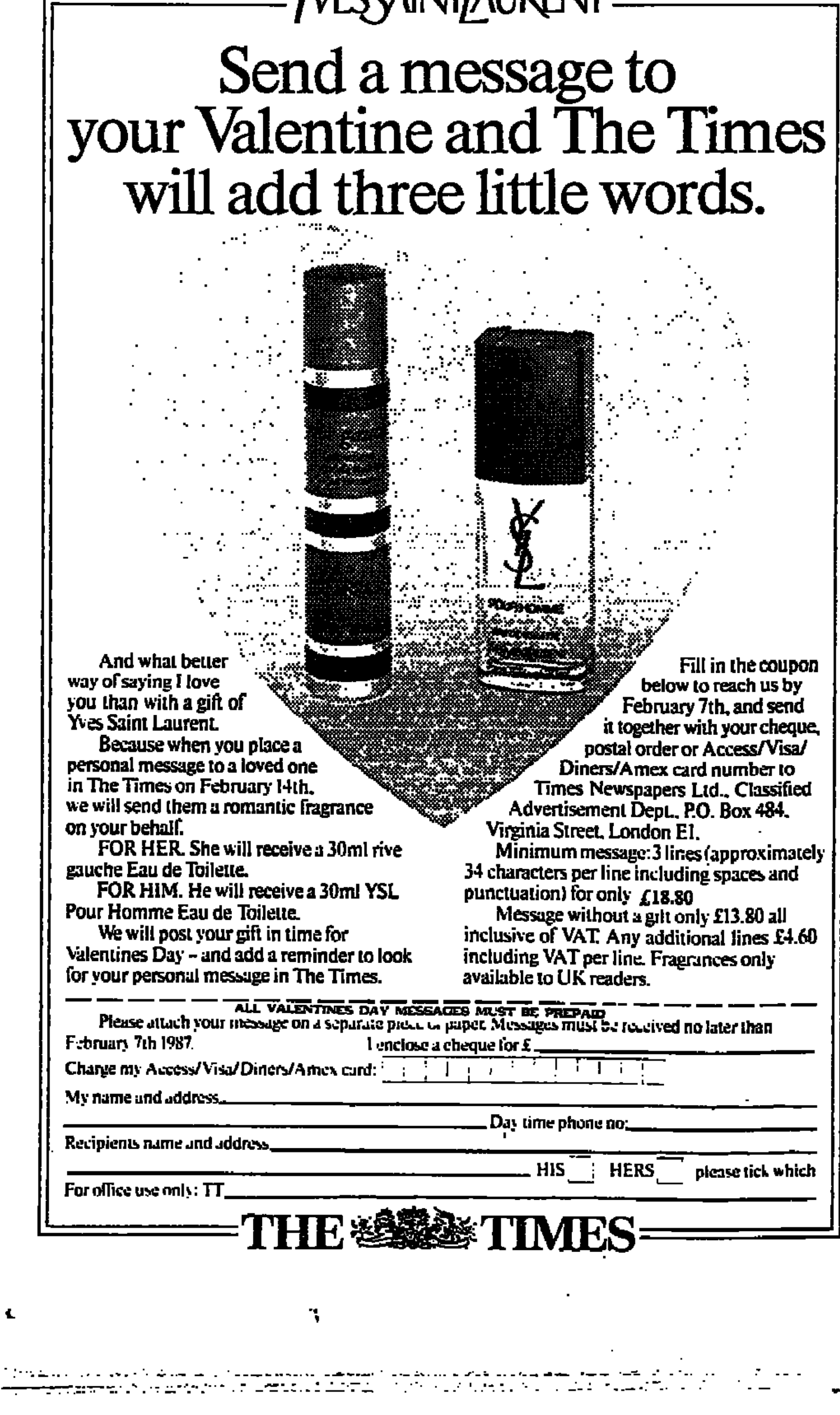
He was responsible for the New Deal for Italy by dropping the Control form the A. C. C. - described in *The Times* of September 27, 1944, as "The Muting of the Middle C".

He was appointed acting president of the Allied Commission late in 1944 and, always in close touch with the Supreme Commander, Field Marshal Alexander, was able to steer the commission on its new course in the victorious stages of the military advance in northern Italy, until he was recalled to London for ministerial duties. Italy had much for which to thank him.

Macmillan stayed long enough to satisfy one of his great wishes; for, like his Prime Minister in London, he was never so happy as when he could see "in the front line" what was done by military government officers immediately after a town or village had fallen into Allied hands.

Surely one of the most treasured insignias owned by him must have been the red armlet given him by the leader of the Italian *Partigiani* as they pressed forward together to capture the town of Modena in northern Italy. The action is well described at the end of his book, *The Blast of War*.

No wonder FM Alexander called the Allied Commission "my Third Army".



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THE TIMES

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
1 John 4 : 12

BIRTHS

ARLOTT - On January 5th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Patricia (née Barrett) and Tim, a son Lucas James John.

ASPELING-JONES - On January 8th, at The West London Hospital, to Jane and Matthew, a son.

BATES - On January 7th, at the Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow, to Jane (née Nairn) and St. John, a son David Robert Nairn.

BRAY - On December 30th 1986, to Carole (née Montague) and David, a daughter, Virginia.

CARTER - On December 30th, at Roehampton, to Suzanne (née Beecham) and Bryant, a son, Maximilian Armstrong Munro.

COPELAND - On Monday January 5th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Jirty and Peter, a daughter Mary.

COULSON - On January 1st 1987, to Anthea and Christopher, a daughter, Isobel Clare Mary.

DIXON - On January 3rd 1987, to Tricia and Jonathan, a son, Timothy Nigel.

FITZGIBBON - On January 8th, to Camilla (nee Beresford) and Francis, a daughter.

FLETCHER - On 6th January, 1987 to Felicia (nee Taylor) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Fitzroy Stephen.

FOSTER - On January 8th, to Joanna (née Kinnear) and John, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Imogen.

GREEN - On December 8th 1986, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, to Jane (née Lowe) and Alain, a daughter, Emma Catherine Jane.

HADOW - On January 5th, in Geneva, to Denise (née Booth) and Nicholas, a son Thomas Julian Peter, a brother for Robert

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KELLAS - On January 5th 1987, to Carol (née Lane), and John, a daughter, Catriona Isobel Anne, a sister for Clare.

LAWS - On January 7th, to Jacqueline (née Squire) and Peter, a son, Thomas John Daughton.

LIPMAN - On December 9th 1986, to Susan (née Coral) and Ian, a daughter, Jennifer Kate a sister for Emily and Vanessa.

LYNCH - On January 2nd 1987, at St Georges Hospital, to Sarah (nee Hardie) and Kieron, a daughter Fiona Katherine.

MARKES - On January 7th, to Georgina (née Chetwode) and Edward, a daughter Araminta Victoria.

MARTER - On December 24th 1986, to Gillian (nee Oates) and Alan, a son, Michael James.

PORTAL - On Janaury 1st, to Louisa and Jonathan, a son, William Jonathan Francis.

PULMAN - On December 18th, at Shrodell's, Watford, to Charlotte (née Rivers) and Nick, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, a sister for Ben.

RANKIN-GEE - On December 24th 1986, to Maggie Gee and Nicholas Rankin, a daughter, Rosa Aileen Peg.

REYNOLDS - On January 7th, at Al Zahra Hospital, Sharjah, U.A.E. to Christine (née Winter) and Peter, a daughter Zoe Alexandra.

ROBERTS - On January 3rd, to Sadie and Gwynne, a son, Tom Merlin Dylan, a brother for Jack.

SELF - On December 29th, to Helen (née Aitken) and Julian, a daughter, Alice Louise.

SPREYER - On January 3rd, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London W2, to Mairi (née McLaren) and Francis, a daughter, Claudia Rona Louise.

STEELE - On January 7th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Gilly (née Beecher) and Dick, a daughter, Beulah Rose, a sister for Laura and Andrew.

TABOR - On January 2nd, to Emma (née Dunn) and Edward, a daughter, Anby.

WILSON - On January 8th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Miranda (née Stanier) and David, a son.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

DE SALIS:WELCH - On January 9th 1937, at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, Arthur to Nancy.

DEATHS

BARKER - On January 7th, in St Lukes Hospital, New York, following a long illness, Josephine Munroe, Wife of Harold O. Barker and mother of Joan Standish and Josephine Adamson.

BAVIN - On January 7th, in Portugal, Frederick Russon, after a long illness, beloved husband of Peggy and dearly loved father and grandfather.

BURMAN - On January 8th 1987, at The Sloane House Nursing Home, after a long illness, Rona Miriam of Blackheath, in her 88th year, very dear wife for 63 years of A.J.Burman (Bim) and loving mother of Peter, Richard and Edward. Funeral enquiries to Francis Chappell. Tel: 01 852 2936.

CHARLTON - On January 7th 1987, suddenly at her home, Marjorie, aged 89 years, wife of the late Mr C.C.Charlton of Sunderland.

COBAIN - On January 6th, suddenly in Charing Cross Hospital, Bryce Edward of Adelaide, South Australia, son of the late Mr and Mrs. E. Cobain. Funeral service at Battersea Parish Church, Battersea Church Road, London SW11. On Tuesday 13th January at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Terance Higgins Trust.

COOPER BLAND - On December 23rd in Harrogate, Nancy, wife of the late John Cooper Bland and mother of Diana Hardwick, grandmother of William and James. Cremation has taken place. Service of Thanksgiving at Sible Hedingham Church on Wednesday January 14th at 2pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired to Sible Hedingham Church.

CURTIS - On January 7th 1987, peacefully at home in Jersey, Dato Richard John Froude, P.J.K. (Selangor), Malayan Civil Service (Rtd), aged 89 years. Dearly beloved husband of Marjorie and father of Richard. The Funeral Service will be held at Grouville Parish Church, Jersey tomorrow Saturday 10th January at 9.45am, followed by interment at La Croix Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent to Help the Aged, St James Walk, London, EC1. Pitcher and Le Quesne Ltd, Funeral Directors. Tel: 0534 77935.

ELLIS - On January 7th 1987, peacefully at Hafod Mawddach, Barmouth, William Thomas, of Llety Dolgellau, aged 90, much loved husband, father and friend. Funeral service on Saturday 10th January at Salem Chapel, Dolgellau at 1.30pm. No flowers. Donations To: Salem Chapel, Hafod, Mawddach.

KENWRIGHT - On January 6th, Elizabeth, as a result of a road accident at Defynnog, Brecon. Funeral at St Aidan's Church, Solva at 12.30 on Tuesday 13th January, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to the RNLI.

LEE - On January 7th, peacefully at his home, Dr Maurice, aged 76 years, of Elm Green Lane, Danbury. Funeral service at St John The Baptist Church, Danbury, on Thursday January 15th at 11.30am followed by cremation. Funeral arrangements by Bakers of Danbury.

LEVICK - On January 7th 1987, Dr. Percy George (Idm) of Bungay, Suffolk aged 88 years, in Alvechurch near Birmingham. Cremation at Lodge Hill, Birmingham at 12.30pm, Tuesday January 13th 1987. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bungay, Suffolk at 2.30pm on Friday January 16th 1987. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to All Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham or Holy Trinity church.

MILLER - On January 4th 1987, peacefully at his home in Maidenhead, Berkshire. Company Sergeant Major Jeffrey (Pete) Miller F I C.M. 'Quil Serevabit'. Funeral service to take place on Wednesday January 14th in Mortlake Cemetery Chapel at 11.00am followed by interment in the cemetery. Flowers may be sent to F.G. Pymm, 65/67 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead or to place of service.

OAKELEY - On January 7th 1987, peacefully at Lynton Hospital, Sir Atholl Oakeley, 7th Baronet, beloved husband of Shirley, Lady Oakeley, dearly loved father of John and Lorna. Funeral at Lynton Church, Wednesday January 14th, at 2.30.

PRIDEAUX - On January 7th 1987, peacefully at Woodcote Grove Nursing Home, Margaret Talbot, late of 80 Princes Gate Mews, London SW7. Funeral Service and cremation on Wednesday 14th January at 12 noon at Croydon Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to the Musicians Benevolent Fund or to Friends of the Elderly, c/o W A Truelove and Son, 55 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.

ROBERTS - On Sunday 4th January, Vyda widow of Aleth Roberts. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Bournemouth on Tuesday January 13th at 2.30pm.

TAYLOR - On January 6th, suddenly, Dr. Peter J, F.R.C.P., dearly beloved husband of Jo and darling father and father-in-law of Lucy, Mark and Steven, grandfather of Ben. Funeral private. No flowers but donations if desired to 'South Suffolk Cruse', c/o W A Deacon and Sons, Funeral Director, Stoke Villa Works, High Street, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9PR. Thanksgiving Service to be held at a later date.

THORNTON - On Tuesday January 6th, suddenly asleep at home, Edith Annie (née Green). Steadfast widow of Tony, dear mother of Philip and Judy and Nana of Cara, loved mother-in-law of Glenys and Simon. Funeral service at Frinton Old Church on Friday January 16th at 2pm, followed by family committal at Weeley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished for the Council of Arthritis and Rheumatism Research, c/o P.G. Oxley Ltd, 47 High Street, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.

WILLIAMS - On January 5th 1987, Glynne Slade Floyer, aged 47 years, beloved son and dear brother, devoted husband of Lilo and much loved father of Sonia, Sandra and Adrian, the result of a tragic accident in the Argentine. Memorial service in Ipsden later.

WOODHOUSE - On January 7th, suddenly at home, Dorothy, beloved wife of John and mother of Robin and Catherine. Service at Guildford Crematorium, Broadwater, New Pond Road, Godalming on Tuesday January 13th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please.

WRIGHT - On January 6th 1987, at home, Mill Street, Warwick, Judy, private cremation. Please no flowers or letters.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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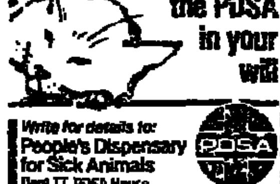

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IN BANKRUPTCY
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1925
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT 1914
RE: SYDNEY STEPHEN SOUTH (THE BANKRUPT).
EX PARTE THE TRUSTEE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE ABOVE NAMED BANKRUPT
BETWEEN
THE TRUSTEE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE ABOVE NAMED BANKRUPT (Applicant)
- and -
(1) SYDNEY STEPHEN SOUTH
(2) SHEILA SOUTH
Respondents
IN THE MATTER OF A NOTICE OF MOTION DATED THE 23RD DAY OF MAY 1986
TO: SYDNEY STEPHEN SOUTH of 'Collets', Hosey Hill, Westerham, Kent

TAKE NOTICE that a Notice of Motion has been issued in this Court by TIMOTHY ARNOLD GRIFFIN of 8 Hobart Place, London, SW1W 0HL, Chartered Accountant, your Trustee in Bankruptcy and the Court has Ordered that publication in a National Newspaper and in the Sevenoaks Chronicle of Notice of the presentation of the Notice of Motion herein shall be deemed to be good and sufficient service of the Notice of Motion on SYDNEY STEPHEN SOUTH on the day of completing such publication as aforesaid.

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Dated this 21st day of November 1986
HADI CASTIGLIONE
REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 00456 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF
CORTON BEACH PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 18th day of December 1986 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company standing in the sum of £863,149.00 as at the 31st January 1986.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the His Honour Judge O'Donoghue, sitting as a Judge of the High Court at 186 Deansgate, Manchester on Wednesday the 14th day of January 1987 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 6th day of January 1987
Alsop Stevens
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Manchester M2 6DR
Solicitors for the above-named Company
(Reference AH)

IN THE MATTER of RIBMAN LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st day of February 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK FCA, of 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 23rd day of December 1986
P MONJACK
Liquidator

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Labour reveals ground rules for education

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A future Labour government would eliminate "unacceptable" behaviour by local education authorities, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, promised yesterday.

He told the North of England Education Conference in Rotherham that Labour will lay down minimum standards of educational provision and, if they are breached, step in and "redress the injustice".

He said that existing checks on the behaviour of local education authorities were used only occasionally and in the most extreme circumstances. But improper conduct needed a "more regular check and a more practical balance".

Mr Hattersley detailed the ground rules that a Labour government would lay down. One was the maintenance of education as a national service locally administered with fail-safe mechanisms to insure that neither local nor national powers were abused.

Another was the creation of an education system specifically designed to meet the needs of the whole school population, "not a selected minority within it".

He attacked the recent manifesto of the Hillgate group, *Whose Schools?*, which recommended the reintroduction of selective education, as "intellectual garbage".

He said the group's real complaint was not that too few people were being educated to the level of which they were capable but that too many people were being educated.

Mr Hattersley called on Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who is to address the conference today, to repudiate the Hillgate manifesto.

He also promised that a future Labour government would spend more on education, although "that does not mean there will be as much money available as any of us would wish to see".

Allegations of assault 'not linked to siege'

The siege at Barlinnie jail, Glasgow, was organized by long-term prisoners and had little to do with the alleged beating of a convicted robber, Mr Hugh Brown, Labour MP for Provan, said yesterday.

Three prison officers are being held hostage by 16 inmates who took over B hall at the jail on Monday.

Strathclyde police confirmed yesterday that they had received a complaint from Samuel Ralston, aged 23, a Barlinnie inmate, who is alleged to have been assaulted by prison officers.

Ralston was interviewed by a detective and examined by a police surgeon after he appeared in court on Wednesday, on an unconnected matter, with cuts and bruises to his face. Prison officers have also been interviewed.

Mr Brown, who spent two hours at Barlinnie yesterday at the request of relatives, said: "No specific demands were made available to me and I don't think the authorities have received any either."

A Scottish Office spokesman said that "a dialogue" was continuing but there had been no sign of a breakthrough.

North kept $1m cash hoard in safe

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legal to keep money in a White House office as long as it was spent for a legal purpose. But officials appear not to have known whether Contra money was kept in the safe, or what the cash was used for.

Meanwhile, Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special prosecutor investigating the scandal, has appointed a dozen aides and said he would set up offices in New York and Washington.

The House of Representatives has now formally approved the establishment of its 15-member committee to hold hearings on the issue. The vote was 416 to 2.

The Senate will, after all, release the results of its intelligence committee's secret hearings on the affair, the committee chairman said on Wednesday. But he said it would contain no surprises and might differ from a version the committee refused to release this week.

President Reagan has expressed "outrage" over the Senate's refusal so far to agree to his request to make public its findings. The White House is confident the report exonerates the President.

100 vehicles crash in freezing M-way fog

By Staff Reporters

Freezing conditions and fog brought accidents involving more than 100 vehicles on the M1 and M6 yesterday, including a coach crash. A total of 19 people were injured, several seriously.

Three crashes happened in the morning as traffic met freezing fog. In the biggest, 30 vehicles collided one mile south of the M1/M6 junction.

Thirteen people were injured in the coach crash (above) but it is believed none was seriously hurt. Another eight vehicles were involved in collisions at the junction itself.

The crashes also left a car on fire and resulted in a chemical spillage, which added to the chaos on the busy motorway.

The accidents caused the closure of a 10-mile section of the southbound carriageway on the Leicestershire-Northamptonshire border for three hours. The northbound carriageway was also closed to allow a fleet of ambulances through to take the injured to hospitals in Leicester, Northampton, and Rugby.

Last night two people taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary were said to be seriously injured.

Chief Superintendent Ted Parry, the head of Northamptonshire police traffic division, criticized "crazy drivers" and said they never seemed to learn. "It is the same old problem of not keeping speeds down to prevailing conditions. It was sunlight one minute, then a wall of fog."

Police said that fog warning lights had not been switched on before the accidents.

In North Wales a traffic patrolman, Police Constable Michael Evans of Porthmadog, Gwynedd, died when his patrol car skidded on ice.

In Maidenhead, Berkshire, a burst water main closed the A330 with a covering of ice two inches deep and a mile long.

Freezing fog at Heathrow last night forced the cancellation of 61 flights — 25 arrivals and 36 departures. Another 50 arriving flights were diverted to other airports in Britain and Europe. More than 70 flights were delayed by up to five hours.

Coaches were brought in to ferry passengers on some domestic services to their destinations.

Twenty-four airliners were diverted from Gatwick to fog-free destinations which included Stansted, Manchester, Bournemouth and Shannon.

Frost and freezing fog are expected in the east this morning, with rain, sleet, and snow on high ground in the west later.

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BA launches privatization prospectus

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be at a fixed price payable in two instalments, the second due in August.

Mr Moore said that the Government was expecting substantial demand from the public and the structure of the issue should allow for at least 30 per cent of the shares to be bought by individuals rising to more than 40 per cent after the operation of a special "clawback" scheme.

This would operate if the British public offer is oversubscribed and could result in the total foreign holding being reduced to 16 per cent.

He added: "I expect that this issue will be taken up largely by those who already own shares."

The pathfinder prospectus makes clear the cyclical nature of the airline business which, it says, "is sensitive to the level of economic activity and other external factors such as changing political conditions." Reductions in the rate of growth have had an adverse effect on the industry's financial performance, it adds.

Kinnock aims his £6bn jobs package at North

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"We think it would be wrong for a government to put money into an economy in the hope that it would be virtuously used: much better to identify areas of considerable need and gear the use of resources to those areas."

The Labour leader continued: "People want evidence of a government that is using the resources of this country in order to try and arrest problems and turn them round, rather than ignoring these areas and constantly engaging in sell-off and run-down."

Labour leaders will hold talks with private and public sector employers, local authorities and training organizations before issuing a detailed breakdown of where they hope to create the jobs. Earlier the Shadow Cabinet was urged to launch a co-ordinated attack on the "extremism, incompetence, dishonesty and destructiveness" of the Government.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, put forward the plan to turn the tables on the Conservatives who have been highlighting the excesses of the "loony left" within Labour ranks as well as the party's unilateralist defence policy.

With Mr Kinnock and his colleagues planning to give the Conservatives a taste of their own medicine, the signs point to one of the dirtiest election campaigns for years.

He also listed a series of "low cost, no cost" policy priorities which would be introduced when Labour gained power. They included an Energy Act to improve conservation standards, fair wages legislation, and repeal of the Gas Act.

● **Town halls shake-up:** One issue debated at Bishops Stortford is a complete reorganisation of local government (John Clare, Education Correspondent, writes).

Mr Roy Hattersley, whose idea it principally is, revealed some of the details to the North of England Education conference at Rotherham yesterday. He said it would be a two-tier system. On top would be "some form of regional government" and below it, the country would be divided into up to 200 all-purpose authorities whose size would be governed by what was best for education administration.

Council housing proposal scorned

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Opposition spokesmen yesterday poured scorn on the Government's plans to phase out the role of councils as landlords and to break up their big housing estates.

Mr John Fraser, a Labour housing spokesman, accused ministers of pursuing an "unjustified vendetta" against local authorities and Mr Simon Hughes, for the Liberals, described the proposals as "appalling and irresponsible".

Mr Clive Betts, the Labour housing chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the scheme to sell off council housing to private landlords was "irresponsible and immoral".

As disclosed in *The Times* yesterday in an interview with Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, the Government is aiming to diversify ownership, management and tenure of council estates.

He believes the scale of council housing operations has led to large estates becoming breeding grounds for crime, vandalism and despair.

He intends to encourage the steady transfer of council blocks or parts of them to private non-profit making trusts, with the purchase money coming from pension funds and building societies. Tenant groups would be able to vote themselves out of local authority ownership.

But yesterday Mr Fraser, MP for Norwood, said that if the Government divested local authorities of their estates it would signal the end of public responsibility for housing. "It will lead to an even more catastrophic situation than at present."

Labour was in favour of better management of council property but that could be achieved under the present system by allowing tenants a bigger say in how their homes were run.

Mr Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, cited the record high figures for homelessness of 100,000 and the shortage of cheap rented property as reasons "why the Government should let local authorities invest as they want to rather than resort to attacking and stifling them".

He added: "Liberals deplore the appalling 'privatize on sight' dogma of the Tories.

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Today's events

New Exhibitions

Colour photographs of leading dancers and dance companies 1983-86; Netherbow Art Centre, 43 High St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 4.30 (ends Jan 31).

Harry Callahan — Retrospective 1941-1982; a variety of photographic subjects and styles; *Collins Gallery, Strathclyde University*, Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4.

Rodin: Five Contemporary Photographers; Institut Francais, 17 Queensberry Pl, SW7; Mon to Fri 9 to 6 (ends Feb. 6).

Sue Arrowsmith Photo-(graphic) Work — 1986-87; *Anthony Reynolds Gallery*, 37 Cowper St, EC2; Tues to Sun 11 to 6 (ends Feb. 15).

Exhibitions in progress

Photographs of Romney Marshes by Fay Godwin; Fulham Palace, Bishops Ave, SW6; Wed to Sat 11 to 7.30, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Feb 8).

Last chance to see

Making Prints — an exhibition by East London artists; Spitalfields Health Centre, 9-11 Brick Lane, E1; 9 to 5.

20th Century Prints; Cadogan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Ave, SW3; Mon to Fri 10 to 7, Sat 10 to 1.

Jeanson Hunting, Shooting and Fishing Library of books and manuscripts, Sotheby's, 34 New Bond St, W1; 9.30 to 4.30.

Music

Bournemouth Sinfonietta: Works by Bach, Mozart, Baird and Haydn; Great Hall, Exeter University; 7.30.

SNO Concert: Works by Beethoven, Schumann and Strauss, with Radu Lupu (piano); Usher Hall, Edinburgh; 7.30.

Pascal Rogé Concert: Beethoven piano sonatas, Schumann and Debussy; Guildhall, Bath; 7.30.

City of London Sinfonia: Handel, Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi; Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2; 7.45.

Lunchtime Music Concert: Debussy, Stravinsky, Brahms; Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Lecture Recital Room, Barbican, EC2; *1.05*.

Apollo String Quartet Recital at 6.00; Concert of piano and trombone pieces at 7.30; both at Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1.

Schubert Allegretto and Sonatas with András Schiff piano; Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, W1; 7.30.

The South Bank Editions: Five day festival of musicians; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1; 8.

Charity Concert by *Musica Donum Dei*: Baroque music played on original instruments; All Souls, Langham Pl, W1; 7.30.

Talks, films and lectures

Talks: Masterpieces of Persian, Turkish and Mughal miniatures at noon; Manuscript Treasures from India at 2.30; The British Library Lecture Theatre, Gt Russell St, WC1.

Lecture by Laurence Bradbury — Mature Masters; Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1; 11.30.

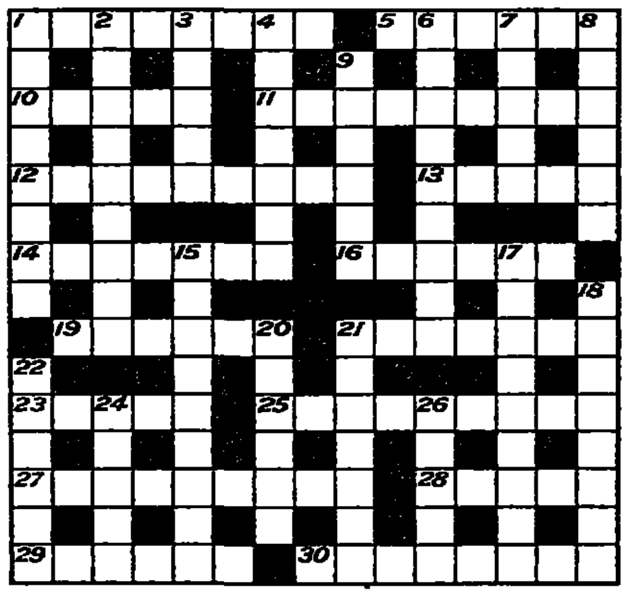
Looking back: Degas and Ingres; The National Gallery, Trafalgar Sq, WC2; 1.

General

Association of British Orchestras' 2nd Annual Conference, Swan Hotel, Bedford; 11 (Jan 9 to 11).

Theatre: Our Day Out by Willy Russell; Nicol Centre, Brewery Ct, Cirencester; 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,249



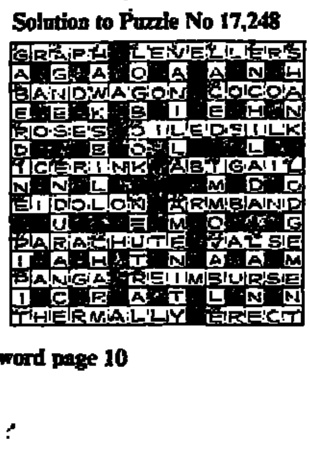
ACROSS

1 Artisan whose work caused feathers to fly (8).
5 Composer of fine lines in order to eat (6).
10 An offer of equality in race matters? (5).
11 On stage they can almost create phantasies (9).
12 Song catches on, supported by the ratings (5-4).
13 How to get a sovereign out of pawn (5).
14 Growing need for such accommodation (7).
16 Intense rivalry could be magnetic (6).
19 Takes steps to form a union (6).
21 Clear share of the profit (4-3).
23 Bones in a circle? (5).
25 Dining out with aunt we hear you left fuming (9).
27 Seat with four-legged support (9).
28 In principle give a vote to the island (5).
29 Stay in side-street after riot (6).
30 Difficult situations where direct strikes must be avoided (8).

DOWN

1 Author who might have made a slip? (8).
2 Of those entitled to make their mark (9).
3 Type of job for copper to start (5).
4 It may be true, say, the flower gets more water here (7).
6 Two noises not amounting to much (9).
7 Famous bowler making a duck (5).
8 Error in dress becoming apparent (6).
9 Hold Horatio on the bridge? (6).
15 The monster must have gone, say, for vacation (9).
17 Double act? (4-5).
18 Frequently out of date (3-5).
20 Not a straightforward sort of flight (6).
21 Characteristic of the brave (7).
22 Flower identified by spider and bee (6).
24 One member of the Beetles a girl? (5).
26 Part of Antigua noted for fertiliser production (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,248



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The Halifax House Price Index

		ALL HOUSES			NEW HOUSES		
		Index	Average price £	Annual change%	Index	Average price £	Annual change%
1983		100.0	30,888		100.0	34,795	
1984		107.2	30,952	7.2	106.9	34,058	6.9
1985		117.0	32,953	9.1	115.4	37,357	8.0
1986		129.9	38,693	11.0	126.6	44,749	9.6
1985	Q4	120.7	34,407	8.7	119.6	40,122	9.5
1986	Q1	122.5	35,164	9.2	120.9	40,892	9.0
	Q2	128.6	38,266	11.0	125.2	44,492	10.0
	Q3	133.1	40,475	13.2	129.5	46,586	11.3
	Q4	136.9	41,265	13.5	132.6	47,710	10.9
1985	Dec	122.2	34,917	9.7	122.1	41,015	10.8
1986	Jan	121.0	34,372	8.7	120.3	40,529	8.5
	Feb	122.3	34,941	9.3	119.8	39,733	8.4
	Mar	124.0	36,034	9.7	122.5	42,357	10.2
	Apr	126.7	37,536	10.0	122.7	43,771	7.4
	May	128.4	37,800	11.0	125.4	44,121	10.5
	Jun	130.8	39,453	12.1	127.5	45,611	12.4
	Jul	132.3	40,260	13.6	128.3	46,362	11.0
	Aug	133.1	40,828	13.6	130.7	47,304	12.6
	Sep	134.1	40,427	12.8	129.8	46,095	10.7
	Oct	136.1	41,554	13.6	131.4	46,780	11.4
	Nov	136.9	40,173	13.6	132.5	46,893	10.7
	Dec	138.3	42,270	13.1	134.4	50,010	10.1

Source: Halifax Building Society

Anniversaries

Births: Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; Karel Capek, writer, Malé Svatonnovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Gracie Fields, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1898; Charles Kortright, cricketer, Brentwood, Essex, 1871.

Deaths: Napoleon III (Louis-Napoleon), Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London, 1947.

The Queen Elizabeth was gutted by fire, Hong Kong, 1972.

Roads

London and the South-east: A219 Fulham Palace Rd: Delays between Hammersmith and Putney due to works on Putney Bridge. Richmond: Restrictions and delays at Richmond Hill near junction with Queens Rd. A6 Bedfordshire: Work on London Rd, Luton causing delays.

The Midlands: M5: Works between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester) with southbound entry rd at junction 5 closed, also southbound exit at junction 6 closed. M1: Overnight works between junctions 16 (Northampton) and Watford Gap service area from 10 pm to 6 am, reducing traffic to single line. A53: Works between Hodnet and Tern Hill causing delays between Shrewsbury and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Wales and the West: M5: Carriageway closures and restrictions between junction 24 (Minehead) and 27 (Tiverton). A38: North and southbound lane closures at top of Haldon Hill between Exeter and Plymouth. A4: Temporary traffic lights on causeway at Chippenham, Wiltshire.

The North: M1: Work between junctions 31 and 33 (Worksop/Sheffield) Slip roads at junction 31 and M1-M18 link closed at times with diversions operating. M63 Greater Manchester: Restrictions and delays due to widening at Barton Bridge. A49: Two inbound carriageways closed due to work at Warrington Bridge, Cheshire.

Scotland: A921: Single line traffic with temporary lights due to bridge work at Kirkcaldy Harbour, Fife. Strathclyde: Access to eastbound carriageway of M8 from A82 Gt Western Rd closed with diversion operating. A77: Single line traffic and temporary lights N of Ballantrae, Ayrshire.

Information supplied by AA

Top five films

Top films showing in the provinces:

1. Heartbreak Ridge
2. Labyrinth
3. Basil, the Great Mouse Detective
4. The Mission
5. Top Gun.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.18
Austria Sch	20.75	19.65
Belgium Fr	62.80	59.20
Canada $	2.087	1.997
Denmark Kr	11.20	10.60
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.93
France Fr	9.79	9.29
Germany Dm	2.96	2.80
Greece Dr	234	214
Hong Kong $	11.80	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.04
Italy Lira	2115	1975
Japan Yen	245	231
Netherlands Gld	3.33	3.15
Norway Kr	11.27	10.67
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	4.55	3.75
Spain Pta	200	190
Sweden Kr	10.38	9.83
Switzerland Fr	2.475	2.345
USA $	1.538	1.466
Yugoslavia Dnr	880	740

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 391.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 19.5 at 1372.5.

Bond winners

The following premium bond numbers have won £10,000 prizes in the January draw:

2GW 390892 (winner lives in Lincolnshire); 6PZ 641710 (Colchester); 17TT 809758 (Southampton); 24TT 067413 (Co Down); 14VZ 364528 (Hertfordshire).

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

WEATHER

In Northern Ireland and SW parts of Britain patches of *rain or sleet are likely but it will probably become* brighter later. Over the rest of Britain, after a keen frost at first, it will be mainly dry with hazy sunshine but patchy freezing fog will persist in a few places. In counties bordering the North Sea there may be light sleet or snow showers later. Generally cold with severe frost in places but in some W coastal regions temperatures will approach the seasonal average. Outlook: Very cold with widespread frosts, some light sleet or snow showers, especially in the E.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.49	6.0	9.39	6.0
Aberdeen	9.11	3.3	9.24	3.4
Avonmouth	1.49	10.5	2.26	10.7
Belfast	6.41	2.9	7.09	3.1
Cardiff	1.34	9.8	2.11	10.0
Devonport	12.31	4.5	12.52	4.5
Dover	6.10	5.6	7.03	5.4
Falmouth	12.01	4.3	12.22	4.3
Glasgow	7.46	4.1	8.29	4.2
Harwich	6.38	3.4	7.30	3.2
Holyhead	6.03	4.4	6.19	4.5
Hull	12.59	6.3	2.06	5.8
Ilfracombe	12.49	6.9	1.28	7.1
Leith	10.19	4.6	10.36	4.7
Liverpool	6.32	7.3	6.57	7.6
Lowestoft	4.14	2.2	5.45	2.0
Margate	6.59	4.1	8.02	3.9
Milford Haven	1.14	5.3	1.48	5.5
Newquay	12.14	5.4	12.48	5.6
Oban	12.41	2.9	1.53	3.1
Penzance	-	-	12.09	4.5
Portland	1.23	1.5	1.46	1.5
Portsmouth	6.52	4.0	7.28	3.8
Shoreham	6.18	5.1	7.00	4.8
Southampton	6.34	3.8	7.02	3.7
Swansea	1.19	7.3	1.54	7.5
Tees	11.43	4.3	11.50	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	6.36	3.6	7.33	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.10	5	41	cloudy
Bridlington	2.5	.07	5	41	shower
Cromer	2.3	.01	5	41	shower
Lowestoft	1.4	.02	4	39	snow
Clacton	1.0	.01	3	37	cloudy
Southend	1.8	-	4	39	cloudy
Margate	*	.01	4	39	dull
Folkestone	2.8	.02	4	39	snow
Hastings	3.7	-	3	37	bright
Eastbourne	5.2	-	4	39	sunny
Brighton	4.9	-	2	36	bright
Worthing	5.6	-	4	39	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.2	-	4	39	sunny
Bognor R	5.2	-	4	39	sunny
Southsea	4.8	-	4	39	sunny
Sandown	6.4	-	4	39	sunny
Shanklin	6.9	-	3	37	sunny
Bournemouth	4.5	-	4	39	sunny
Poole	5.8	-	*	*	sunny
Swanage	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Weymouth	6.5	-	6	43	sunny
Exmouth	6.8	-	4	39	sunny
Teignmouth	6.0	-	4	39	sunny
Torquay	5.8	-	5	41	sunny
Falmouth	*	-	6	43	sunny
Penzance	6.5	-	7	45	sunny
Scilly Isles	4.7	-	8	46	sunny
Jersey	6.3	-	6	43	sunny
Guernsey	3.9	-	6	43	sunny
Newquay	5.9	-	6	43	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	6	43	sunny
B'pool Airpt	6.7	-	4	39	sunny
Morecambe	6.0	-	2	36	sunny
Douglas	6.7	-	4	39	sunny
B'ham Airpt	5.8	-	4	39	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.5	-	5	41	sunny
Carlisle	5.5	-	2	36	sunny
London	3.2	-	5	41	sunny
Manchester	6.4	-	4	39	sunny
N'ctl-e-Tyne	1.3	.28	3	37	bright
Nottingham	5.3	-	4	39	sunny
Anglesey	6.9	-	6	43	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.9	-	5	41	sunny
Colwyn Bay	*	-	6	43	sunny
Tenby	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Aberdeen	2.7	.02	4	39	sunny
Edinburgh	5.5	-	3	37	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.4	-	3	37	sunny
Glasgow	6.1	-	2	36	sunny
Kinloss	-	.01	3	37	cloudy
Lerwick	-	-	5	41	snow
Prestwick	6.1	-	4	39	sunny
Stornoway	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Tiree	6.0	-	4	39	sunny
Wick	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Belfast	6.6	-	4	39	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

*Figures not available

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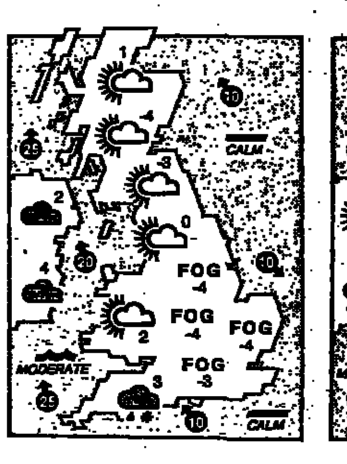

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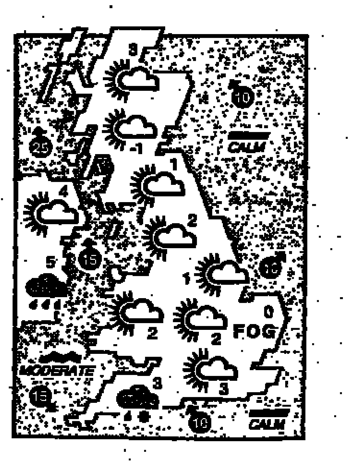


LIGHTING-UP TIME

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 4.11 pm
Moon sets 3.04 am
Moon rises 11.59 am
Full moon January 15

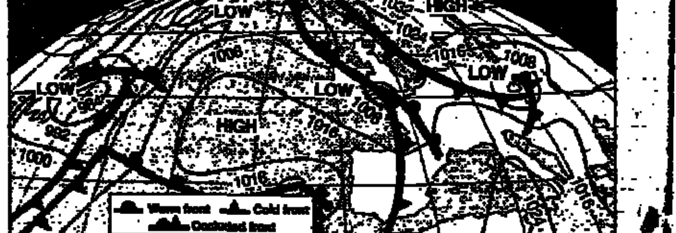
London 4.41 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 4.51 pm to 7.43 am
Edinburgh 4.30 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.40 pm to 7.52 am
Penzance 5.09 pm to 7.49 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	3	37	Guernsey	c	5	41
B'rmgham	s	1	34	Inverness	c	-2	28
Blackpool	s	0	32	Jersey	s	5	41
Bristol	s	2	36	London	c	2	36
Cardiff	s	0	32	M'chester	s	1	34
Edinburgh	c	-2	28	Newcastle	s	1	34
Glasgow	c	-3	27	R'naldsway	s	5	41

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	10	50	Cologne	s	-3	27	Majorca	f	11	52	Rome	s	5	41
Akrotiri	c	16	61	C'phagn	c	-2	28	Malaga	s	16	61	Salzburg	s	-8	18
Alex'dria	s	16	61	Corfu	s	10	50	Malta				S Frisco*	s	9	48
Algiers	f	13	55	Dublin	f	5	41	Melb'rne	c	14	57	Santiago*	s	30	86
Amst'dm	f	0	32	Dubrovnik	f	2	36	Mexico C*	s	19	66	S Paulo*	f	32	90
Athens	c	13	55	Faro	d	12	54	Miami*	c	26	79	Seoul	c	5	41
Bahrain	s	17	63	Florence	s	3	37	Milan	s	3	37	Sing'por	c	24	75
Barbads*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	f	-4	25	Montreal*	sn	-2	28	St'kholm	sn	-18	0
Barcelona	s	8	46	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	s	-27	-17	Strasb'rg	s	-3	27
Beirut				Geneva				Munich	c	-6	21	Sydney	c	23	73
Belgrade	sn	-8	18	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	c	17	63
Berlin	f	-7	19	Helsinki	s	-28	-18	Naples	f	5	41	Tel aviv	c	16	61
Bermuda*	s	20	68	Hong K	s	19	66	N Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	s	23	73
Biarritz	s	4	39	Innsbrck	f	-8	18	N York*	c	8	46	Tokyo	s	14	57
Borde'x	s	1	34	Istanbul	r	4	39	Nice	s	9	48	Toronto*	f	1	34
Boul'ne				Jeddah	f	24	75	Oslo	f	-12	10	Tunis	c	11	52
Brussels	s	0	32	Jo'burg*	s	27	81	Paris	c	0	32	Valencia	s	11	52
Budapst	s	-7	19	Karachi	s	23	73	Peking	s	5	41	Vanc'ver*	c	0	32
B Aires*	f	32	90	L Palmas	f	21	70	Perth	s	28	82	Venice	s	0	32
Cairo	s	16	61	Lisbon	fg	11	52	Prague	f	-7	19	Vienna	sn	-7	19
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Locarno				Reykjvik	r	5	41	Warsaw	s	-19	-2
C'blanca	s	20	68	L Angels*	f	13	55	Rhodes	f	17	63	Wash'ton*	c	9	48
Chicago*	c	2	36	Luxembg	c	-5	23	Rio de J	s	31	88	Wel'ton	s	22	72
Ch'church	s	19	66	Madrid	s	4	39	Riyadh	s	18	64	Zurich			

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

PART 2

THE TIMES

FRIDAY JANUARY 9 1987

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 17-22
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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1372.5 (+19.5)

FT-SE 100
1733.2 (+11.0)

Bargains
46181 (35831)

USM (Datastream)
134.15 (+0.94)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4745 (+0.0030)

W German mark
2.8303 (–0.0060)

Trade-weighted
68.8 (same)

Bid talks for Baker Perkins

Baker Perkins, maker of machinery for the food and printing industries, was forced to announce it was in bid talks yesterday after a sharp rise in its share price.

But the company dismissed suggestions that there may have been a leak. A director, Mr Colin Joyce, said : " We would have preferred not to have made any announcement until talks had gone further but the shares had gone up by more than 10 per cent, triggering off the need to make a statement. But we do not think there was a leak."

The shares had shot up from 235p at the end of last week to 264p at the start of business yesterday. Following the announcement, they jumped 55p to 319p, valuing the business at £125 million.

Council pleads for Pilkington

St Helens Borough Council yesterday made a plea to the City not to forget Pilkington's importance to its home town when deciding whether to support BTR's hostile bid for the company. Council representatives travelled to London to highlight the contribution that Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, made to St Helens. The company has received widespread support in its fight for independence from unions, employees, local businesses and inhabitants.

Shattering glass, page 18

Profits build

Abbey, the housebuilder, reported pretax profits for the six months to the end of October up from Ir£3 million (£3.14 million)to Ir£3.8 million. Turnover was slightly lower at Ir£30.3 million compared to Ir£31.7 million in the first half of last year. An interim dividend of 2.5p was declared.

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Profits boost

Wardle Storeys, the manufacturer of plastic sheeting, made pretax profits of £5.6 million in the year to the end of August, a rise of 40 per cent on turnover 23 per cent higher. The total dividend rose 20 per cent to 6p.

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Bank added

The Bank of England has added Allied Irish Banks to the list of institutions whose bills are eligible for discount at the Bank.

Correction

Simon Engineering's 35 per cent total dividend increase was for 1986, not 1987, as stated in *The Times* yesterday. Pretax profits in 1986 were estimated at £27.8 million against £26.1 million.

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Directors face investors' revolt over multi-million scheme

Threat to Burton payout

By Cliff Feltham

Options open? Sir Ralph, standing, and directors from left: Tony Colman, Paul Plant, Lawrence Cooklin and David Legg

A powerful group of City investors could block the controversial multi-million pound share option scheme proposed for Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of Burton, and his top executives.

They feel that the plan to reward the Burton team with options worth eight times their salary is too generous. The deal could be werth £8 million for Sir Ralph Halpern, already Britain's highest paid businessman.

The scheme has to be approved by shareholders at a special meeting later this month and delicate negotiations are taking place in the City to win the approval of the big institutions which own shares in the company.

Burton would find it impossible to go ahead with the scheme in its present form if it failed to obtain support from the institutions.

Last night a spokesman for the Association of British Insurers' investment committee, the watchdog body which scrutinizes all executive option schemes, admitted that some aspects of the Burton plan were causing anxiety.

"Some concern has been expressed to the committee by a number of institutions and we are seeking clarification from the company," he said.

It is understood that the committee – which through earlier informal discussions with Burton already achieved some changes in the option scheme – is unhappy about proposals to enable executives to take up options worth eight times their salary. The committee's own guidelines lay down four times as the normal rate.

A source close to the committee said: "To be quite frank people are asking themselves if it is really fair for one person to be entitled to pick up £8 million of options. It would not be so bad if we were talking about individuals earning, say, £100,000 a year but the Burton board are highly paid."

In addition to Sir Ralph, who earned £1 million last year, two other directors were paid more than £700,000 and two topped £300,000.

The committee, it is understood, will be looking at the "trade-off" involved in the Burton scheme. In order to trigger the option pay-out the company has to achieve a 30 per cent increase in earnings per share – and win a place in the top 25 per cent of Britain's leading companies.

The committee will be considering whether Burton should achieve even greater growth to allow its executives to qualify for the option package.

One leading fund manager which does not own shares in Burton said: : " I cannot see the point in devising a scheme which is outside the Inland Revenue rules so that executives will have to pay the full income tax liability on their profits made from the options. Why not simply operate a bonus scheme?"

Mr Michael Wood, Burton's finance director, said last night:"I understand the issue is being considered by shareholders at the moment and there is a lot of time between now and January 29 when the special meeting takes place."

Anglo-US first with risk asset ratios accord

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Moves to harmonize financial supervision in different countries took an important step forward yesterday when the Bank of England and the American Federal Reserve Board published agreed proposals on capital adequacy for banks in both countries.

The proposals will mean that for the first time banks in Britain and the US will be subject to the same risk asset ratios, eliminating competitive advantages caused by different prudential systems.

They lay out a more sensitive system of weighting different bank risks than supervisors used in the past. The risk weightings can then be measured as a ratio against the bank's primary capital.

The new system also includes rules for measuring risk in off-balance sheet exposures, one of the fastest growing areas of bank business over the past two years.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank, said: "The proposals mean that the convergence of supervisory principals is moving forward to the convergence of supervisory practice."

The proposals were hammered out by the British and US banking authorities after an agreement to harmonize capital adequacy supervision between Mr Paul Volker, the Fed chairman, and Mr Leigh-Pemberton in the summer.

The supervisors hope the new system will eventually be adopted elsewhere. Britain and the US went ahead because they were more advanced in developing their new regulatory systems, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said.

He added that talks with Japan were underway and it was hoped that some agreement would be reached within about nine months. Japanese rules on bank capital ratios have been criticized by international bankers who argue that they are too relaxed, giving Japanese banks an unfair advantage.

The system provides a scale of risk weightings according to the nature and quality of borrowers, similar in many respects to the system already in operation in Britain. There are five categories of weighting: 0 per cent, 10 per cent, 25 per cent, 50 per cent and 100 per cent.

The most important measure of a bank's strength will be the ratio of its primary capital to total weighted risk assets. Primary capital has never before been a significant measure of adequacy in Britain, although it has been used for some time in the US.

Mr Brian Quinn, head of banking supervision at the Bank, said a minimum required level for this ratio could not be set until supervisors had discovered exactly what the Bank's positions really were.

Additionally, the supervisory authorities will agree individual minimum levels for each institution, which are likely to be significantly higher than the overall minimum, to take account of the strengths and weaknesses of each bank.

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Davies will head Imry/Arbuthnot

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Mr David Davies, former chief operating officer and managing director of Hong Kong's largest property company, Hongkong Land, is to be chairman of Imry/Arbuthnot, the new British property company born from the merger of Imry Properties and Arbuthnot Properties.

Details of the deal, which will involve the injection of both companies into a new quoted vehicle, and Mr Davies' position as chairman are expected to be announced next week. Mr Davies was on his way to Britain last night. The Arbuthnot and Imry boards were engaged in what were described as drafting meetings yesterday

Mr Davies resigned from Hongkong Land last July after what were believed to be disagreements with the board over its decision to hive off the Dairy Farm subsidiary. Hongkong Land has also decided to float off its Mandarin Oriental Hotel chain.

Mr Davies, formerly employed by MEPC, one of Britain's largest property companies, went to Hongkong Land at a low point in the company's fortunes after the collapse of the property market in the Crown Colony. Hongkong Land is now set for recovery from its mighty debt problem and reporting a 90 per cent rise in interim pretax profits to June 30, 1986.

Forsyth ousted by EFT board

By Michael Tate

Mr William Forsyth, chairman of the Scottish fund management group, Stanecastle Assets, was last night ousted from the board of Edinburgh Financial Trust.

There was immediate speculation that the £17 million trust and its managers could be about to part company.

A terse statement from EFT said: "At the request of the board, W F Forsyth has resigned as a director of the company."

Mr Forsyth's departure is the latest in a series of dramatic developments at EFT in the past few weeks, including the resignation of Stanecastle colleague Mr Ian Smith on December 9. This accompanied news that EFT has acquired a 30 per cent stake in First Northern Corporate Finance, a company set up in 1983 by the Scottish merchant bankers Mr Hamish Grossart and Mr Hugh Barry.

Mr Grossart and Mr Barry were promptly appointed to the EFT board.

Later in the month it was disclosed that a group of investors led by the New Zealand entrepreneur Mr Bruce Judge, and involving Waverley Asset Management, the Charlotte Square concern run by Mr Willie McLucas, had acquired a 21.3 per cent stake in EFT.

The Mail on Sunday
Daily Mail
The London Evening STANDARD

Associated profits jump 10%

By Carol Ferguson

Pretax profits at Associated Newspapers Holdings, publishers of the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday* and *The London Evening Standard*, jumped 10 per cent to £46 million for the year to September 30, 1986.

The biggest improvement was in the newspaper and magazine division which accounts for nearly three-quarters of group trading profit. National and regional papers all had a good year.

The company said *The Mail on Sunday* – now in its fifth year of publication – had repaid all its development costs to the parent company and was now in profit.

Redundancy costs were £15.9 million, offset by a gain on the sale of Reuters shares of £16 million. The company said there would be further redundancy costs over the next two years as the company prepares to move its national titles to Surrey Docks, London, next year. The dividend was increased by 41 per cent to 6p net. The shares rose 9p to 412p.

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Cheer for Treasury Budget planners

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Treasury's annual Budget planning meeting will take place this weekend, for once not dogged by a sterling crisis.

The meeting, to plan strategy for the Budget, expected on March 17, comes as outside forecasters are turning distinctly more optimistic about economic prospects.

A forecast published yesterday by Schroders, the merchant bank, says growth will be close to 4 per cent this year and the growth rate will exceed the inflation rate for the first time since 1964.

Another forecast, from Hoare Govett, predicts 4.5 per cent growth in consumer spending within an overall growth rate for the economy of 3.2 per cent. Both forecasts adopt the by now customary assumption that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, will cut the basic rate of income tax by 2p in the pound.

There appear to be three main priorities for the meeting. The first is the size of next year's public sector borrowing requirement. The Chancellor has said on several occasions that the PSBR next year will not exceed 1.75 per cent of gross domestic product (equivalent to £7 billion).

This leaves open the question of whether Mr Lawson will be persuaded by his officials to go for a lower PSBR target than this, say £6.5 billion, both to boost confidence in the financial markets and to point up the differences between Conservative and Labour policy.

A £6.5 billion PSBR would still leave room for significant tax cuts, according to most outside forecasters. This week Mr Lawson raised the possibility of cuts in the higher rates of income tax. A cut in the top rate of income tax to perhaps 50 per cent, combined with basic rate reductions, may now be the Chancellor's favoured tax package.

The third issue will be the decisions on the longer-term issues of personal tax reform and profit-related pay.

● The expenditure side of the Budget planning process will be confirmed next Wednesday, with the publication of the spending White Paper.

The Guinness affair

Saunders counting $20m losses

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness, the brewing and leisure group, is facing a loss of at least $20 million (£14 million) on its controversial $100 million investment in an arbitrage fund run by Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrageur, according to other investors in the fund.

The loss is likely to bring renewed criticism of Mr Ernest Saunders, the Guinness chairman, who was a member of the committee which approved and made the investment on May 28 last year.

Guinness was one of several limited partners in Ivan F Boesky LP – a highly geared arbitrage fund started by Mr Boesky in March last year. A number of British institutions, which were also limited partners, have told *The Times* that the partnership's assets have sharply declined.

"The assets of the fund are now worth somewhere between 75 and 80 per cent of the original amount," a Commercial Union spokesman said.

"The very biggest of all unknowns is what the third party claims against the partners will be," he added. "Even though we think we will have an excellent defence against any law suit, there is bound to be some contingency fee lawyer prepared to have a go."

A spokesman for the Imperial Group Pension Fund, another limited partner, agreed with estimates of a decline of more than 20 per cent. "If anything, it could be worse," he said. "The upside is very limited indeed, while the downside is potentially very large."

The alarming decline in the investment has resulted from the enforced premature liquidation of the investments in the partnership only six months after it began trading.

It has had to absorb heavy start-up costs over the six months, rather than over the five years it was intended to last. And it has been very hastily liquidated in the past few weeks and losses have had to be taken on a number of the investments.

Sir David: no co-operation from Morgan Grenfell

Guinness holds easily the largest equity investment in the partnership. JH Schroder Wagg, the Water Authorities Superannuation Fund and the Heron Group invested much smaller amounts, along with Imperial and Commercial Union.

News of the investment only emerged at the end of last month – six weeks after Mr Boesky's downfall and the announcement of the $100 million penalty.

The decision to invest in the partnership was taken without informing Guinness shareholders. Guinness has denied that its investment was part of a reciprocal arrangement with Mr Boesky in exchange for his support of the Guinness bid for Distillers. It maintains the investment formed part of its plans to expand its US activities. It refused to comment on the decline in value

Sir David Napley, the solicitor acting for Guinness, was yesterday writing to Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank in dispute with Guinness over a £7.6 million payment, saying that Morgan Grenfell would not co-operate in providing Guinness with relevant information.

Guinness claimed this week that it had sent computerized monthly notices to Ansbacher instructing it to renew the monthly deposit of the £7.6 million. It emerged yesterday, however, that the notices had, in fact, been sent to Morgan Grenfell.

Bain under the spotlight

By Richard Lander

Amid a financial community obsessed by leaks, insider dealing scandals and government investigations, stands a company that likes to consider itself more squeakily clean than any other.

The firm is Bain and Company, the Boston-based management consultancy that finds itself at the eye of the storm surrounding Guinness. Bain employs Mr Olivier Roux, on secondment to Guinness as finance director, while its business school graduates have acted as both doctors and midwives to Mr Ernest Saunders' radical plans that have transformed the company into a powerful force in the drinks and leisure industry.

Not that you will hear that from Bain itself. Ask any senior executive about Bain's role in Guinness and the likely answer will be "what role?" A similar response would be made to inquiries about what the company has done for Sotheby's or BET and, it is rumoured, Pilkington and Inchcape. A company's annual report can elicit information on a panoply of advisers from stockbrokers to merchant banks and solicitors, but rarely its management consultants and never Bain.

Bain argues that it does very nicely without the unwelcome spotlight of publicity. To avoid any suspicion of impropriety, it limits its clients across the world to one in any single industry.

Thirteen years after being founded by Mr Bill Bain, aged 48, the company employs more than 1,000 people internationally and has a turnover in excess of $100 million (£68.5 million) a year. The nearest it has to a public front in Britain is its UK adviser, Sir Jack Lyons, the 70-year old industrialist and philanthropist. It was probably Sir Jack who enticed the Prime Minister to attend a private luncheon at the company's offices near Marble Arch this week.

The cause and effect of Bain's involvement with a client are intertwined, according to the house ethos. While Bain can help an already prosperous client fulfil more of its potential, a company that is a market laggard is probably too dozy or too stubborn to think of calling on Bain.

The Bain machine moves into higher gear when a client wants to go down the takeover trail. Bain sees its role as intelligence-gatherer in a tactical war where the reluctant target is the enemy. Its main duties include providing the fullest information on which an aggressor can make a rational decision and formulating a post-takeover plan for integration of the new company. In the emotional heat of a contested takeover, bidders tend to lose sight of the longer term and regard victory as an end in itself.

Long before Chinese Walls and insider trading became hot issues in the City, Bain was monitoring its employees' telephone conversations and making them sign a strict code of conduct, spelling out the dire consequences of any breaches.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1990.02 (–3.93)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	18778.74 (–63.63)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2603.33 (–3.78)
Amsterdam: Gen	276.5 (–2.9)
Sydney: AO	1529.9 (–4.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1987.5 (–41.5)
Brussels:	
General	3997.42 (–8.78)
Paris: CAC	407.9 (+2.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	563.20 (–2.0)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.21 (+0.64)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11$\frac{3}{32}$-11$\frac{1}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills:10$\frac{11}{16}$-$\frac{21}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5$\frac{15}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.40-5.39%*
30-year bonds 102$\frac{7}{16}$-102½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4745	$: £1.4735*
£: DM2.8303	$: DM1.9205*
£: SwFr2.3732	$: SwFr1.6110*
£: FFr9.4294	$: FFr6.4000*
£: Yen233.19	$: Yen158.20*
£: Index:68.8	$: Index:108.1
ECU £0.728789	SDR £0.832917

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Royal Insurance	878p (+18p)
Jaguar	594p (+31p)
Baker Perkins	319p (+55p)
Reckitt & Colman	918p (+24p)
Assoc. Brit.Ports	374p (+26p)
Inchcape	554p (+19p)
Steetley	484p (+18p)
TI Group	517p (+18p)
Body Shop	770p (+35p)
Daks Simpson 'A'	500p (+55p)
Pentland Inds.	495p (+25p)
Johnson Group	508p (+24p)
Siebe	768p (+28p)
Imry Property	400p (+20p)
Rosehaugh	666p (+26p)
Close Bros.	288p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Nat. West. Bank	548p (–9p)
Glaxo	1138p (–12p)
FH Tomkins	588p (–10p)
Manchester Ship	670p (–28p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $401.60 pm-$402.65
close $401.00-401.50 (£272.25-272.75)
New York:
Comex $402.10-402.60*

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WALL STREET

Caution by investors stems Dow advance

New York (Reuter) – Share prices were mixed in tentative early trading yesterday. Investors appeared to step gingerly into the market as the New Year rally slowed and the Dow industrial shares flirted dramatically close to the much talked about 2,000-mark.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.40 to 1,992.55 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 2.18 to 840.24.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index lost 0.24 at 255.57 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 0.17 at 146.60.

Advancing shares were ahead of declining issues with a three-to-two margin when volume totalled 23 million shares.

Joy Manufacturing led the active shares with a gain og ⅛ to 34¾. Navistar rose ⅛ to 34¾ and Roebok 1¾ to 26⅛.

- Crude oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange opened slightly higher as the market continued to gain support from firmer prices in the European markets.

The February crude oil contract, the first month traded, opened at $18.38 a barrel, up 13 cents on Wednesday.

Outer-month contracts registered similar gains at the opening.

	Jan 7	Jan 6		Jan 7	Jan 6		Jan 7	Jan 6
AMR	56%	57%	Firestone	28%	28	Pfizer	65%	64%
ASA	37%	37½	Fst Chicago	31%	31%	Phelps Dge	22½	22%
Allied Signal	43%	42%	Fst Int Bncp	55%	55%	Philip Mrs	76%	75%
Allied Strs	n/a	n/a	Fst Penn C	9%	9%	Phillips Pet	11%	11%
Allis Chlmrs	2%	2%	Ford	63%	60%	Polaroid	71%	69%
Alcoa	36%	36%	FT Wachva	39%	39	PPG Ind	76%	75%
Amax Inc	12%	12%	GAF Corp	40%	40%	Prctr Gmbl	79	78%
Am'rda Hs	24%	24%	GTE Corp	60	59%	Pb S E & G	43	42
Am Brands	45%	44½	Gen Corp	76%	75%	Raytheon	69%	69%
Am Can	89%	88	Gen Dy'mcs	72%	73%	Rynlds Met	45	43%
Am Cynm'd	81%	80%	Gen Electric	91	89%	Rockwell Int	48%	48%
Am El Pwr	29%	28%	Gen Inst	19%	19%	Royal Dutch	97%	96%
Am Express	61%	60%	Gen Mills	45%	45%	Sara Lee	37%	36%
Am Home	79%	79	Gen Motors	69%	68%	SFE Sopac	30%	31
Am Motors	3	3	Gn Pb Ut ny	24%	24%	Schl'berger	32%	33
Am St'nrd	44%	43%	Genesco	3%	3%	Scott Paper	66	65%
Am Teleph	25%	25%	Georgia Pac	41%	40%	Seagram	63%	63%
Amoco	69	68%	Gillete	52%	51%	Sears Rbck	43%	43%
Armco Steel	6	6	Goodrich	46%	45%	Shell Trans	59%	58%
Asarco	15%	15%	Goodyear	43%	43%	Singer	39%	39%
Ashland Oil	57%	57%	Gould Inc	17%	17%	Smthkln Bk	95%	96%
At Richfield	63%	61%	Grace	52%	52	Sony	21%	21%
Avon Prods	27%	28%	Gt Att & Tac	24%	25	Sth Cal Ed	34%	34%
Bkrs Tst NY	48%	48%	Gr'hnd	33%	33%	S'Wstn Bell	114	113%
Bankamer	14%	14%	Gruman Cor	25%	25%	Std Oil	52%	52
Bk of Bston	42%	42	Gulf & West	68%	66	Sterling Drg	47%	47
Bank of NY	40	39%	Heinz H.J.	41%	41%	Stevens JP	40%	39%
Beth Steel	7%	7%	Hercules	55	54%	Sun Comp	57%	57%
Boeing	51	50%	H'lett-Pkrd	44%	43%	Teledyne	306	307%
Bse Cascde	65%	64%	Honeywell	60%	60%	Tenneco	40%	39%
Brden	49%	49%	IC Inds	25	25%	Texaco	37%	37%
Bg Warner	39%	40	Ingersoll	61%	61%	Texas E Cor	29	28%
Brist Myers	86%	85%	Inland Steel	20%	20%	Texas Inst	120	119%
BP	44%	43%	IBM	123%	122%	Texas Utils	33%	32%
Burl'ton Ind	44%	43%	INCO	12%	12	Textron	65%	65%
Burl'ton Ntn	58	57%	Int Paper	81	79	Travlrs Cor	47%	46%
Brunswick	36%	36%	Int Tel Tel	56%	55%	TRW Inc	90%	89%
Cmpbell Sp	58%	59	Irving Bank	49%	48%	UAL Inc	54%	55
Can Pacific	14	13%	Jhnsn & Jhn	69%	69%	Unilever NV	241%	241%
Caterpiller	41	41%	Kaiser Alum	14%	13%	Unisys	86%	86%
Celanese	240%	240%	Kerr McGee	28%	29	Un Carbide	24%	23%
Central SW	36%	36%	Kmb'ly Clrk	87%	86½	Un Pac Cor	65%	65%
Champion	34	33%	K Mart	47%	47%	Utd Brands	36%	35%
Chase Man	37%	37%	Kroger	30%	30%	USG Corp	40%	40%
Chm Bk NY	44%	44	L.T.V. Corp	2%	2%	Utd Technol	48%	47%
Chevron	47%	46%	Litton	77%	75%	USX Corp	22%	22%
Chrysler	40%	40	Lockheed	51%	50%	Unocal	28%	27%
Citicorp	55%	55%	Lucky Strs	27%	32%	Jim Walter	50	48%
Clark Equip	20%	20%	Man H'nver	47%	47%	Wrner Lmbt	60%	60%
Coca Cola	39	38%	Manville Cp	2	2	Wells Fargo	107	105%
Colgate	44	42%	Mapco	59	59%	W'sghse El	61%	59%
CBS	135%	135	Marine Mid	47%	47%	Weyerh'ser	40%	39%
C'lmbia Gas	47	46%	Mrt Marietta	39%	40%	Whirlpool	35%	34%
Cmb'tn Eng	32%	32	Mesco	30%	29%	Woolworth	41%	41½
Comwlth Ed	35	35%	McDonalds	64%	64%	Xerox Corp	63	62
Cons Edis	49	49	McDonnell	76%	75%	Zenith	24%	23½
Cn Nat Gas	33%	33%	Mead	61%	59			
Cons Power	16%	16%	Merck	128	127%			
Cntrl Data	26%	27%	Minsta Mng	120%	119%			
Corning Gl	56%	56%	Mobil Oil	40%	40%	CANADIAN PRICES		
CPC Intl	84	83%	Monsanto	77%	78%			
Crane	37	36%	Morgan J.P.	88%	88%	Agnco Eag	28%	27%
Curtiss Wrt	53%	54%	Motorola	37%	37	Alcn Alum	41%	41
Data Genl.	34%	32%	NCR Corp	49%	47%	Algoma Stl	11	11
Deere	23%	24	NL Indstrs	5%	5%	Can Pacific	19%	18%
Delta Air	49%	49%	Nat Distlrs	49%	46%	Cominco	13%	13%
Detroit Ed	17%	17%	Nat Med Ent	23	22%	Con Bathrst	30%	30%
Digital Eq	111%	109	Nat Smcndt	11%	11%	Hkr/Sid Can	26%	26
Disney	49	48%	Norfolk Sth	86%	87	Hdsn B Mln	23%	23
Dow Chem	63%	62%	NW Bancrp	38%	37%	Imasco	34%	33%
Dresser Ind	21%	20%	Occidnt Pet	28%	28%	Imperial Oil	51%	51
Duke Power	48%	48	Ogden	45	44%	In Pipe	40%	40%
Du Pont	89%	88%	Olin Corp	42%	42%	Ryl Trustco	31	30½
Estm Kodak	71%	70%	Owens-Ill	52%	52%	Seagram	87	87
Eaton Corp	77	76%	Pac Gas El	25%	25%	Steel Co	19	19
Emerson El	90	88%	Pan Am	4%	4%	Thmsn N 'A'	31	31½
Emery Air	11	11%	Penney J.C.	78%	77%	Varity Corp	2.75	2.79
Exxon Corp	73%	73%	Pennzoil	67%	68%	WCT	13%	13%
Fed Dpt Sts	88%	87%	Pepsico	27%	27	Weston	35	35

APPOINTMENTS

Schroders names two new directors

Schroders: Sir John Bremridge and Mr Peter Sedgwick have become directors.

Standard Life Assurance: Sir Lawrence Airey has joined the board.

Dowty Group: Mr Colin Cocks is to be managing director of the new electronics systems division and Mr Bruce Brain managing director of the new information technology division.

Parc: Mr K R Hodgson becomes chief executive.

Atlantic Computer Group: Mr Warren Palmer joins the board and becomes commercial director of Lion Systems Developments, a group subsidiary. Mr Paul Clark, technical director of Lion Systems Developments, joins the board of Atlantic Computers.Mr Chris Heuvel is finance director of Lion Systems.

London Export Corporation (Marketing): Mr David Reuter becomes a a director.

Sentinel Life: Mr Paul Engers is an executive director.

Hamlin Slowe: Mr Alban Gordon and Ms Tracy Gane join the partnership.

Abaco: Mr Michael McWilliam and Mr Hamilton Verschoyle join the board.

John Laing Construction: Mr John A Armitt is assistant managing director.

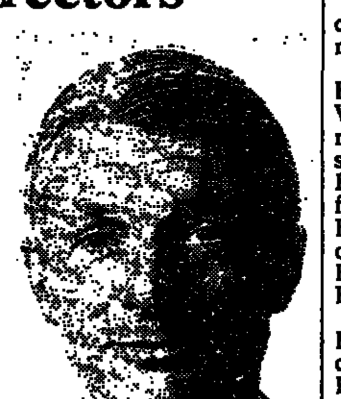
A F Bulgin: Mr David Harrington and Clifford Bulgin join the main board.

Brintex: Mr John Northover, Miss Vanessa Cotton and Miss Susan Mahy become directors.

Rudolf Wolff: Mr Paul Fingland becomes a director.

Causeway Capital: Mr Geoffrey O Vero is a director.

Streets Financial Strategy: Mr Roy Blackman joins the board.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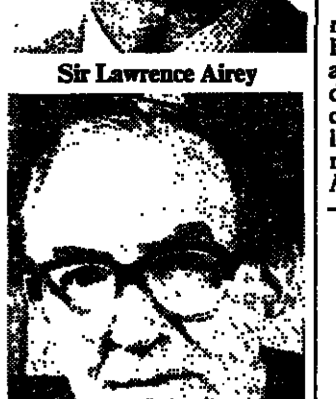
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Dolamore Holdings: Mr Denis Harvey-Kelly, becomes chairman and Mr John Hamilton chief executive.

Ipeco Holdings: Mr William Bell joins the group board. The group's principal operating subsidiary, Ipeco Europe, has brought Mr John O'Toole on to its board as production director.

Baring Capital Investors: Mr John Burgess has been made a director.

Sealink British Ferries: Mr James Bell is appointed director of its Irish Sea sector.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

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Japan to agree on rates plan

The Japanese Government is ready to agree to a compromise formula on differential interest rates for OECD untied loans to less developed countries.

But the American Government is aiming to modify the proposal.

The formula provides for a new rate to be calculated from 10 per cent plus the market rate divided by two. This would provide a different rate for each donor country and Japan, using its long-term interest rate, would arrive at a figure of 8.1 per cent.

German authorities in catch-22 dilemma over EMS crisis

Healthy mark gives Bonn a nasty monetary headache

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The current crisis in the European Monetary System is clearly posing serious problems for France, which is faced with a heavy bill for supporting the franc and has to live with high interest rates.

But the pressures building up for an early EMS realignment are also a big headache for West Germany where a general election is due on January 25.

Whether or not there is a realignment before the election will probably make little difference to the prospects of victory for Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition government. Herr Kohl is in a virtually unassailable position in the polls.

But the timing and size of any EMS realignment will have important implications for Germany's economic outlook and, ultimately, for the shape of the world economic recovery over the next 12 to 18 months.

The Bundesbank, in common with most other European central banks, has been obliged to intervene heavily in the markets this week to hold down the value of the mark and support weaker EMS currencies such as the French and Belgian francs, the Danish krone and the Irish punt.

When a central bank intervenes against its own currency in this way, as the Bank of England discovered in 1977, the effect is to swell the money supply of the strong currency country.

An expansion of the money supply is exactly what the Bundesbank does not want. Last year, the central bank money stock – 'the targeted monetary aggregate – grew by nearly 8 per cent, against a target range of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent.

The strength of monetary growth and the embarrassment of a missed target was the main obstacle to lower German interest rates last year. Since last May, the German *discount* rate *has* been becalmed at 3.5 per cent.

Kohl: resisting EMS realignment

The German monetary authorities therefore find themselves in a catch-22 situation. The mark will be strong as long as there is no cut in German interest rates on the horizon. But the strength of the mark requires intervention to hold down its value. This in turn boosts the money supply and makes an interest rate cut even less likely.

*This logjam could be re*moved with an EMS realignment, which is why the Bundesbank favours an early revaluation of the mark within the EMS.

But Bonn has its own reasons for staving off such a move. The first is the usual moratorium on important economic policy decisions in the approach to the election. This is given added spice this time because of the fear that a realignment now, coupled with a better result for Herr Kohl's coalition than the markets are anticipating, and continued French unrest, could result in post-election pressure for a further realignment.

Some observers see this as unlikely and argue that a realignment now would do the trick. Mr Xavier Werner, European economist at Morgan Grenfell, says the realignment could occur as early as this weekend but that the size of the adjustment is likely to be smaller than in the past.

He argues for a 4 per cent *devaluation of* the French franc, Irish punt and Danish krone, to be followed by an *inflow of capital into these* currencies as investors switch to the high interest rate currencies in the EMS.

The weak currencies would therefore be likely to move from the bottom of their existing EMS bands to the top of their new bands. And, since the bands are 4.5 per cent wide, a 4 per cent devaluation of the French franc's band could result in a small appreciation of the actual rate for the franc *against the mark.*

Mr Geoffrey Dennis, international economist at James Capel, also believes that an early realignment, as long as it is not accompanied by an escalation of the French unrest, would alleviate the Bundesbank's problems.

The flow of capital out of marks into other currencies would bring about the slowdown in monetary growth considered essential by the German monetary authorities, he argues, paving the way for a discount rate cut later in the year.

Bond set to buy into Hong Kong TV

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Mr Alan Bond, the Austra*lian businessman, may* be about to take a stake in TVB, the Hong Kong television company.

He is expected to announce today that he is buying up to 30 per cent of TVB from Sir Run Run Shaw, the film and television magnate, after the suspension of the companies' shares yesterday.

TVB runs two Hong Kong television stations, one in English, the other in Cantonese. It also sells programmes overseas and has publishing, retailing and tourism *interests.*

There are 420 million TVB shares in issue. Shaw Brothers, a Chinese film-maker, owns 20.4 per cent, and Sir Run Run Shaw, who is chairman of TVB and Shaw Brothers, has a 22 per cent stake.

Shares of Bond Corporation International, which went public on Monday, were suspended yesterday together with those of Shaw Brothers and TVB.

Spokesmen for all three companies said an announcement would be made today.

TVB shares jumped HK$1.1 to HK$11.50 (£1) on Wednesday with HK$44.39 million changing hands. BCI shares, quoted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange for the first time on Monday at HK$1.35, rising to HK$3.85 on Wednesday, while Shaw Brothers put on 32.5 cents to HK$4.55.

The market expects Mr Bond to acquire up to 30 per cent of the company from Sir Run Run at a price of up to HK$14 a share.

The move has taken the *market by surprise as most* Hong Kong analysts expected a bid from Mr Rupert Murdoch, who recently gained control of the Crown Colony's leading English language newspaper, the *South China Morning Post.*

Protest against shattering the status quo of glass

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

More than 1,000 St Helens people are expected to throng *the streets of the Merseyside* town tomorrow to demonstrate their support for the independence of Pilkington Brothers.

Emotion and rhetoric will be running high. But as the march moves from the company headquarters to the town hall, it will be clear that the defence of Pilkington Brothers against BTR's unwanted bid attentions has already won the hearts and minds of the town's 92,000 population.

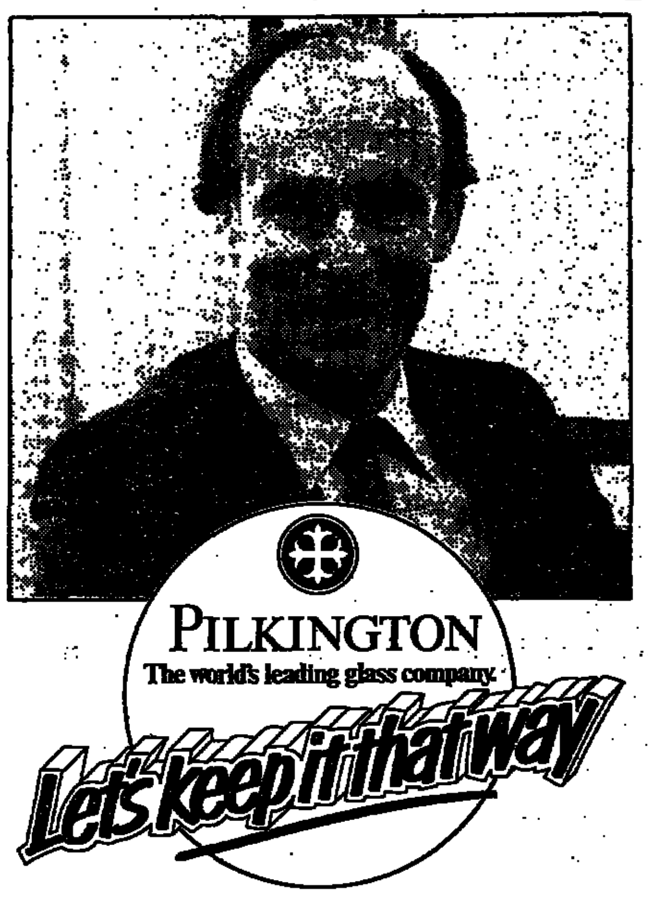
As Mrs Marie Rimmer, leader of the Labour-controlled borough council, put it: *"The company has united the* whole of our community. Our town, homes, schools, churches, shops, public and private buildings are covered with supporting stickers."

Across the front of the town hall hangs a securely fixed banner – the first one blew away in the wind – with the company's defence slogan, "Pilkington, the world's leading glass company. Let's keep it that way." On Wednesday the *ad hoc* Multi Union Employee Action Committee representing six trade unions voted *unanimously* to resist the BTR bid.

Pilkington was founded in St Helens in 1826 and is the only multinational corporation with its headquarters in the town. It is not seen as a perfect employer – indeed, 13,600 jobs have been shed over the last decade – but the company represents a form of caring capitalism that the town does not want to lose.

According to Mr Mike Doyle, a Labour councillor: "It is accused of being paternalistic but maybe that is how we *should be living."*

Representatives of the council came to London yesterday because they are concerned that the faceless City institutions deciding Pilkington's fate are still unaware of the depth of local feeling.


PILKINGTON
The world's leading glass company.
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Antony Pilkington and the campaign slogan: the benign paternalism that has won a town's support

It is apparent that St Helens most fears large-scale job losses and the closure of the headquarters. Pilkington is the largest private employer in the town and 6,500 of the 8,000 Pilkington jobs in the North West are in St Helens. In an area which already suffers an unemployment rate of more than 20 per cent, any further cutback would be extremely painful.

And they would have wide-reaching effects. Pilkington has pursued a "buy local" policy and, according to Mr Doyle, 1,700 companies within a 20-mile radius depend to varying degrees on Pilkington for work.

The view is that Pilkington has already made the necessary rationalizations and its generous redundancy schemes are now seen as representative of the company's compassion.

"The detriment to the local area could be quite serious if there is any change to that policy," Mr Doyle said.

Although the council maintains it is not anti-BTR so much as pro-Pilkington, it is obvious that Sir Owen Green is seen as a profit-hungry man who is not likely to take local sensibilities seriously.

Symptomatic of Pilkington's concern for the town is the welfare programme which is supported by family trusts set up between the wars and would presumably continue regardless of any takeover.

***The* programme covers 20,000 Pilkington pensioners and spends around £1.25 million a year providing free home meals, gardening and hairdressing services, bereavement counselling, day centres and transport. There is even an allowance for plant seeds in the spring.**

More at risk are schemes such as the Rainford Venture Capital which has invested £1.75 million of the company's money in 10 new ventures. Ever since jobs started to disappear, Pilkington has been involved in a number of projects to help promote small business and start-up enterprises.

In 1978, it formed the Community of St Helens Trust, a forerunner of local enterprise agencies, which has created more than 4,000 jobs and 370 businesses. Free consultancy help is offered to start-ups and expanding firms and more than 1,000 would-be entrepreneurs have been given a hand with their business plans.

There is also Pilkington Properties, a wholly owned subsidiary which develops land released through factory closures and provides cheap business units for some of the St Helens Trust clients.

The company also runs its own two-year Industrial Experience Project which has helped 388 people aged between 16 and 18 to gain work experience. It was introduced because the then one-year YTS-scheme was regarded as inadequate.

Mr Doyle said: "We do not deny that BTR is a successful company but we want to highlight the importance of Pilkington remaining in the community. We would organize the same campaign against any bidder."

Bitter mix marks first anniversary of Guinness success in Distillers takeover

Year when all the froth was blown off

By John Bell
City Editor

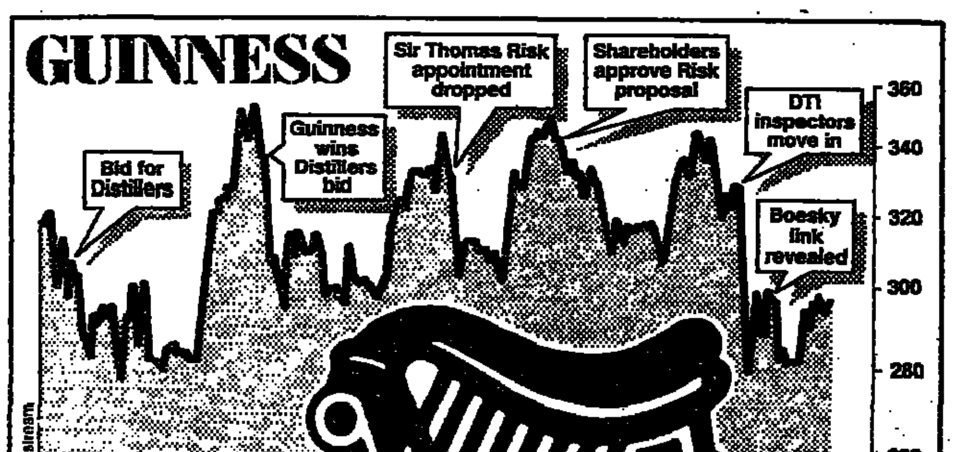
The first anniversary of Guinness's successful intervention in the battle for control of Distillers is just a couple of weeks away. For Guinness's army of small shareholders the past 12 months have been a bitter mix of great expectations and dashed hopes.

The efforts of the Leeds businessman Mr Irving Scott to convene an extraordinary shareholders' meeting will strike a chord with many others who saw in the bid an opportunity to build a substantial drinks marketing group on a global scale.

In financial terms, the marriage between Distillers and Guinness is a potent one. Distillers' brand leadership in many places around the world allied with the marketing flair of Guinness and its own overseas outlets has great profit potential.

Yet whenever the prospects looked like working through in terms of a rising share price over the past year something, it seemed, would always go wrong.

Analysts expect that the new Guinness is capable of making £450 million before tax in the 12 months to December this year giving earnings per share of 33p or so. There was certainly nothing in the recent interim figures from Guinness to suggest that the shares should be languishing on a rating well below average for the brewing sector.



Applying an appropriate multiple, Guinness shares should be pushing 400p. As things stand, they are a good 100p below that – such is the cost of the controversy that has dogged the group since it tangled with Distillers and its defeated suitor, Mr James Gulliver's Argyll group.

It has meant disappointment for both long-standing Guinness investors and the many small shareholders in Distillers who accepted Guinness shares rather than sever their connection with the whisky group altogether.

It was hardly a surprise that Guinness shares tumbled from their peak levels of 353p just a week before victory in the bid. That was normal given the huge increase in Guinness share capital due to the acquisition. But the inevitable market indigestion looked to be over and the shares set for better times by July when they had recovered to over 340p.

The upward climb was halted in its tracks by the revelation that the original proposals for a two-tier board under the chairmanship of Sir Thomas Risk, governor of the Bank of Scotland, was no longer to be implemented. The row that followed caused a fresh bout of weakness that took a while to fade.

There was natural concern that the hostility of the City authorities to the sudden switch of plan which made Mr Ernest Saunders both chairman and chief executive might lead to a shareholder revolt.

The price recovered again as it became clear that having backed Mr Saunders during the bid, institutional shareholders were going to give him more time and the management structure he sought before passing final judgement. The September meeting of shareholders was nothing if not well attended. Though there was a call for a proxy vote it was over-ridden by the chair and the requisite resolutions were passed easily enough.

Strangely, Guinness shares went into a fresh decline.

A number of Scottish institutions were sellers around this time since the outcome of the shareholders' meeting was far from what they wanted. A further recovery took place in October and November during the run up to what were expected to be encouraging interim profits.

Well before they emerged, the City was shaken by news that Guinness had invested $100 million in a venture promoted by the discedited Wall Street arbitrageur, Mr Ivan Boesky. Guinness shares plummeted to their low point for the year and have still to recover any semblance of poise. With the Guinness board locked *into its own* intensive investigation of recent events, the outlook for the group's shares is uncertain.

The fundamental attractions are totally overshadowed by question marks over the management and the outcome of the DTI investigation. Shareholders must be hoping for some light from next week's full meeting of the board.

Banking capital measure agreed

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The basic measure of capital adequacy for banks under the new system agreed between British and US supervisors is to be the ratio of primary capital to total weighted risk assets.

Primary capital will include common stock and reserves in the form of retained earnings (current year earnings are included) with no limit on the amount of such capital that can be included for measuring a bank's primary capital base. Provisions made against specific identified loan losses cannot be include but general provisions and reserves can be.

Hidden reserves also count as primary capital in Britain. Perpetual preferred shares asnd perpetual subordinated debt will be included, subject to a limit of 50 per cent of their amount after the deduction of intangible assets.

In setting out a system of risk asset weightings, the aim has been to keep it simple. The calcualtion of the ratio, although the most important measure, will be only one element in assessing capital adequacy.

Five risk weight categories are proposed: 0 per cent, 10 per cent, 25 per cent, 50 per cent and 100 per cent. The lowest risk weightings attach to claims on domestic central banks, which fall into the 0 per cent category. Short term claims on domestic national governments will carry a 10 per cent weighting to allow for the risk in interest rate movements.

Short term claims on domestic and foreign banks and foreign central banks will carry a 25 per cent weighting, as will longer term claims (more than one year) on foreign governments and on domestic government guaranteed agencies.

Claims on multinational organizations will carry a 50 per cent weighting. All other assets, such as ordinary bank lending to commercial customers and long term claims on other banks, will be subject to a 100 per cent weighting.

While some items off the balance sheet, such as indemnities for lost share certificates and bill endorsements, do not carry enough risk to merit inclusion in the weighting scale, most do.

The system attempts to convert the credit risk of each instrument into a credit equivalent which fits into the framework already outlined.

Contingent items, such as standby letters and acceptances, invlove the bank in the same degree of credit risk as *an ordinary loan.* These are regarded as direct credit substituted and are given a "conversion factor" of 100 per cent of the principal amount involved. The risk weighting is then determined by the category of the counterparty and the maturity.

Some contingencies, however, involve a lesser credit risk – such as commercial letters of credit – with shorter maturity and a better loss record. The nominal exposure on these is scaled down to a conversion factor of 50 per cent.

Commitments – where a bank agrees to accept a credit risk in the future but not necessarily immediately – are treated differently.

The conversion factors are: 10 per cent for commitments maturing less than a year from their start; 25 per cent for those running from one to five years; 50 per cent for those maturing in more than five years.

Lucas in £30m US buys

By Michael Tate

Lucas, the automotive and aerospace components group, has spent $44.5 million (£30.26 million) cash on two acquisitions in America.

It paid $33 million for Schaevitz Engineering, a leader in sensor technology, and $11.5 million for AUL Instruments, a defence electronics and test equipment manufacturer.

Schaevitz, with plants in Philadelphia and Slough, Buckinghamshire, made profits of $2 million on a turnover of $23.6 million in 1985. It is thought to have earned about $2.4 million in 1986 – the year-end is being changed to July 31 – on a turnover of about $28 million.

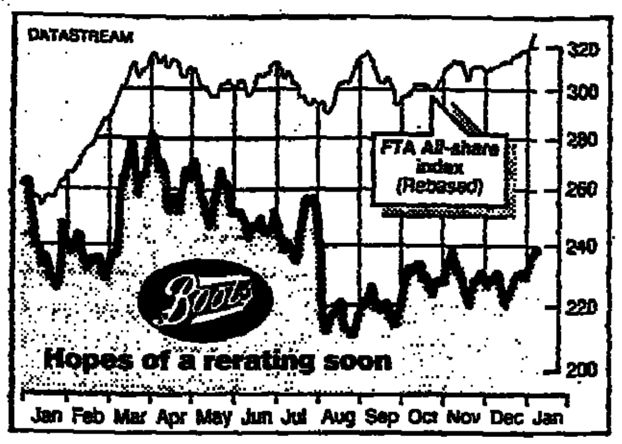
Schaevitz will become part of Lucas Industrial Systems, whose managing director, Mr Bunty Wootten, said yesterday: "We confidently expect the company's rate of growth to accelerate."

AUL, with plants in New York and Pennsylvania, made profits of $2.7 million before tax in the year to March 31, 1986, on sales of $18.6 million. It will become part of Lucas Aerospace, which accounts for some 18 per cent of total group turnover.

STOCK MARKET

Market-makers take beating as shares continue record run

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard



Market-makers were left licking their wounds again yesterday after the busiest day's trading on the London stock market since Big Bang.

Share prices enjoyed another record-breaking session with almost £3 billion added to the value of quoted shares taking the total, so far, this week to about £8 billion.

Trading got off to a flying start despite overnight setbacks on Wall Street, Tokyo and Hong Kong where prices showed signs of running out of steam.

Many dealers claim that London has been left behind by the other leading financial centres and further catching up is neccesary to bring it back into line.

Turnover was described as huge with double-figure gains among most blue chips. However, profit-taking as the long three-week account drew to a close left prices below their best levels of the day.

This brought some welcome relief to the market-makers — especially the newer ones — many of whom decided to go short earlier in the week following reports that a 10 per cent correction in the equity market was on the cards.

One market-maker is said to have burned his fingers this week and lost a packet.

But this failed to deter most of the big fund managers who are enjoying a strong start to election year buoyed by hopes of a cut in interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index continued to scale new heights closing 10.9 up at 1,733.1, having been 22.9 up earlier. The FT index of top 30 shares finished 19.5 up at 1,372.5.

Among the leaders, Hanson Trust rose 4p to 203p as 19 million shares were traded and Jaguar 25p to 588p as almost 7 million shares changed hands.

The gilt-edged market also got caught up in the effervescent mood with bond prices jumping by as much as £1¼ at the longer end and £¾ in the shorts.

Most dealers, still trying to offload the £1 billion issue of 1994 10 per cent Treasury stock, released on Wednesday, were extremely bullish.

● Shares in Tricentrol, the loss-making oil company, have sprung to life and rose 2.5p to 83.5p yesterday. They have risen by more than 16p since Monday, but they are still some way below their peak of 150p. Market men name RTZ as a likely bidder but other predators are also circling.

But Mr Stephen Lewis, the gilt-edged expert at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said there was no "fundamental foundation" for the sudden show of strength.

He said: "The gilt market is experiencing a similar phenomenon to the equity market — people have money burning a whole in their pocket and are looking for somewhere to put it."

Long-dated yields also fell back yesterday, some to below the 10 per cent level, prompting a number of gilt-edged traders to start talking once again about a cut in interest rates.

But on the money markets the three-month rate held steadfastly at 11⅛ per cent and sterling stuck to 68.8 on the trade-weighted index, unchanged on the day.

Back in the equity market the spotlight was still on the financial services sector as word went round that American Can, the US financial group, had representatives in Britain at this very moment, looking to make a big acquisition in the financial services field.

Some brokers even said their opinions had been sought by American Can about a possible bid for Hill Samuel or Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banks.

● Combined English Stores, the specialist retailer, is said to be casting a covetous eye on Daks Simpson, the up-market clothing group, which owns Simpsons of Piccadilly. Daks non-voting 'A' shares rose 55p to a new high of 500p yesterday. They have risen 85p so far this week.

The subsequent speculation, as to who, if anyone, they might eventually go for, boosted the entire sector.

Hill Samuel climbed 10p to another new high at 443p, also encouraged by the revelation that FAI, the Australian insurance company, has a 7.4 per cent stake, Morgan Grenfell 10p to 395p, Schroders 15p to 735p, Kleinwort Grieveson 6p to 553p and Henry Ansbacher 4p to 90p.

The pharmaceutical, insurance and building sectors were also strong. Fisons gained a further 14p to 576p and Reckitt and Colman 13p to 907p, Guardian Royal jumped 28p to 827p, General Accident 18p to 857p and the Prudential 18p to 837p while BPB improved 20p to 578p, John Laing 15p to 402p, Costain 14p to 524p and Tarmac 14p to 458p.

Boots, the high street chemist, is showing signs of shrugging off recent dullness stemming from a disappointing set of interim figures and the recent Flint Laboratories acquisition.

The price has come up from 231p in the past week and closed yesterday another 2p firmer at 245p with more than 13 million shares changing hands. Phillips & Drew, the broker, is said to have been a big buyer and American investors have now also taken a shine to the company raising hopes among a number of dealers that it may be due for a re-rating over the next few months.

There are also lingering hopes that a bid will eventually materialize. Boots's big property portfolio may eventually prove too much of a temptation to an aggressive bidder. Analysts are looking for pretax profits in the current year to March 31 to rise from £210.4 million to £226 million.

Meanwhile, the rest of the retailers decided it was high time to join in the fun having spent most of the week on the sidelines while the rest of the equity market was being chased higher. The appearance a few "cheap buyers" first thing saw prices marked sharply higher.

Reports of bumper Christmas sales in the shops and hopes of a cut in interest rates soon have, so far, failed to lift the sector. Dixons enjoyed a 9p rise to 335p, with Great Universal Stores 'A' 12p higher at £10.42, Marks and Spencer 4p to 4p to 187p, Next 9p to 235p, W H Smith 5p to 285p and Woolworth 10p to 710p.

High-flyer Pentland Industries accelerated with a leap of 20p to 490p. Word is, Reebok International, its US associate where it holds a near 40 per cent stake, is about to be admitted to the Standard & Poor's 500-share index.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
353	299	Allied-Lyons	348	353	●	+11	14.5	4.1	16.0	9,800
168	145	ASDA-MFI	158	162		-1	4.5	2.8	17.5	7,900
454	414	BET	450	455		+3	24.3	5.4	16.4	508
300	264	BTR	285	290		+5	9.8	3.4	20.1	5,300
491	444	BAT	483	488		+3	18.4	3.8	12.7	5,700
517	465	Barclays	500	505		-6	28.1	5.6	7.3	1,000
774	703	Bass	761	771	●	+4	24.3	3.2	13.6	1,200
467	411	Beecham	460	465	●	+10	17.1	3.7	19.2	5,400
727	621	Blue Circle	720	725		+10	30.0	4.1	10.2	622
404½	328	BOC	398	401		+7	15.4	3.9	13.2	2,100
246½	219	Boots	242	245	●	+1	10.6	4.3	15.9	13,000
537½	468	Br Aerospace	530	535		+8	23.4	4.4	11.2	2,000
66	61	Br Gas	64½	66½		..	9.3	14.2	..	76,000
742	668	Br Petroleum	735	740		-3	48.6	6.6	8.1	2,500
220	188	Br Telecom	214	218	●	..	11.2	5.2	12.6	20,000
172	135	Britoil	169	171		-2	9.3	5.5	4.6	4,500
293	256	Burton	283	287	●	+1	8.1	2.8	17.3	4,100
369	277	Cable & Wireless	342	349		+2	7.2	2.1	18.9	6,400
195½	172	Cadbury Schweppes	189	192		+1	8.7	4.6	22.3	6,400
564	444	Coats Viyella	492	496		+4	17.9	3.6	14.8	1,100
292	257	Com Union	290	293		+5	17.4	6.0	..	3,800
704	553	Cons Goldfields	698	705		-2	35.0	5.0	20.1	1,200
336	288	Courtaulds	326	329	●	+5	10.2	3.1	11.1	2,000
224	201	Dee Corp	220	225		+2	10.6	4.8	18.0	6,500
360	301	Dixons Grp	332	336		+8	4.3	1.3	23.8	6,300
650	409	Fisons	576	578	●	+14	8.4	1.5	25.6	2,200
954	789	Gen Accident	853	860		+18	34.3	4.0	21.5	541
226	160	GEC	190	194		+1	6.3	3.3	12.0	12,000
11½	887	Glaxo	11¼	11¼		-⅛	20.0	1.8	23.6	2,200
481	365	Grand Met	452	457		+2	14.6	3.2	13.1	6,800
11½	934	GUS 'A'	10¼	10⅜		..	31.4	3.0	14.5	297
953	757½	GRE	823	830		+28	42.5	5.1	24.0	889
365	235	GKN	288	291	●	+8	17.9	6.2	9.7	3,200
355	274	Guinness	293	296	●	+4	11.6	3.9	11.2	3,700
215½	158	Hanson	200	202	●	+2	6.1	3.0	12.8	19,800
523	403	Hawker Siddeley	492	499		+12	21.4	4.3	10.9	1,500
12⅞	882	Imp Chem Ind	11¼	11⅜		..	48.6	4.3	12.7	2,200
594	360	Jaguar	588	593		+28	12.7	2.1	12.2	6,900
408	313	Ladbroke	402	407		+15	16.8	4.1	19.3	2,500
349	302	Land Securities	346	348		+3	14.5	4.2	23.2	526
286	218	Legal & Gen	283	286		+2	12.3	4.6	33.8	3,800
464	352	Lloyds	445	450		-4	25.0	5.8	7.2	1,900
301	198	Lonrho	244	245		-2½	17.1	7.0	12.1	1,900
231	189½	Marks & Spencer	185	187	●	+3	5.8	3.1	22.2	10,000
608	507	Midland	597	600		-5	37.1	6.2	22.2	1,000
925	447	Nat West	545	547		-11	27.6	5.1	5.7	4,200
576	481	P & O Dfd	533	535		+1	26.4b	4.9	15.3	2,900
618	443	Pearson	598	600		-6	15.4	2.6	20.0	866
691	396	Pilkington Bros	635	640	●	..	21.4	3.4	18.9	4,300
246	162	Plessey	187	188		-3½	7.2	3.8	13.8	7,800
989	749	Prudential	833	837		+16	38.6	4.6	56.1	1,900
234	146	Racal Elect	188	189		-½	4.3	2.3	19.9	9,000
589	457	Rank Org	541	544		+4	22.5	4.1	19.2	1,200
924	734	Reckitt & Colman	917	920	●	+25	23.9	2.6	19.8	596
584½	379	Reuters	570	571		+4½	5.4	0.9	43.2	624
791	532	RTZ	700	705		-1	31.4	4.5	9.3	881
540	365	Rowntree	418	420		+4	18.0	4.3	11.6	851
867	762	Royal Ins	875	880		+21	38.6	4.4	72.0	1,700
429	344	Sainsbury (J)	428	430	●	+5	8.4	2.0	24.9	1,500
148½	39	Sears	124	125		+1½	5.0	4.0	18.0	8,500
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	323	325		+4	17.1	5.3	15.4	3,200
10	733	Shell	10	10		..	51.4	5.1	9.9	2,200
262	112	Smith & Nephew	131	-		+1	3.5	2.7	22.4	4,600
185	122	STC	184	185		+6½	2.1	1.1	17.1	8,500
894	547	Stan Chart	788	793		-1	46.4	5.9	9.8	588
365	256½	Storehouse	280	282	●	..	11.0	3.9	14.9	1,100
772	610	Sun Alliance	693	697		+16	27.5	4.0	62.6	1,100
102	72	TSB P/P	75	75½		-¼	6.1	8.1	..	6,000
420	340	Tesco	405	408		+7	8.9	2.2	23.2	3,100
529	442	Thorn EMI	503	506	●	+13	25.0	5.0	36.9	3,700
330	133½	Trafalgar House	294	296	●	+8	18.9	6.4	11.0	11,000
198	139	Trusthouse Forte	185	186		+½	7.9	4.3	18.4	2,900
22	15	Unilever	21⅞	22		+⅛	60.1	2.7	20.1	677
269	216	Utd Biscuits	237	239		+5	13.6b	5.7	12.9	8,300
279	174	Wellcome	271	272	●	+5½	3.0	1.1	33.4	13,000
925	585	Woolworth	705	710		+8	22.9	3.2	16.2	840

COMMENT

Warning: share buying can damage your health

If ever there was a state-controlled enterprise which has prospered mightily from an infusion of private sector management it is surely British Airways. Its transformation from a dispirited, overmanned, barnacle-encrusted bureaucracy is textbook stuff.

Effectively bust when Lord King moved in, BA has largely shed its crushing burden of debt, placed itself on a rudely healthy financial base and is poised at the bottom of an airline traffic cycle for an increasingly profitable future.

The story of BA's regeneration has all the elements for a good deal of hype about the success of the Thatcherite "leaner and fitter" treatment it has undergone. It must, therefore, have been mightily tempting to cash in on the bandwagon of interest in share ownership created through earlier privatization successes.

It is admirable, therefore, that this time there will be nothing remotely comparable to the media pap which encouraged Sid and his chums to apply for British Gas shares regardless of their underlying investment merits. That, to those aware of the inherent riskiness in all forms of equity investment, appeared more suited to the promotion of a national bingo game than a sale of state-owned stock.

John Moore, the Transport Secretary, has given something close to a health warning to the first-time investor, who might naturally have the same expectations of BA as others had of British Telecom or British Gas. He expects, he says, that the issue will be largely taken up by those who already own shares. He has earmarked a larger portion of the issue for professionals and has set the minimum investment at a level that is expected to convey a message to the unwary.

That is only proper. For BA is by no stretch of the imagination a national utility to a large degree master of its own destiny. In fact, its prices, costs and traffic volumes are subject to dramatic swings in either direction, as we saw only too well last year.

The price of fuel, some 20 per cent of operating costs, crashed by two-thirds last year and has since retraced nearly half the fall. Ticket prices are periodically subject to the most intense competitive pressures. And as the Libyan and Chernobyl scares of 1986 rammed home, a downturn on the key North Atlantic routes can blow a substantial hole in BA's profit and loss account.

That said, BA has considerable appeal to those private investors prepared to live with these factors. At present the risk/reward ratio looks favourable. If the shares are offered at around 125p with a comforting yield in the 6½ per cent area (KLM sports 4 per cent) they look set for a smooth takeoff.

Bank supervisors converge

The agreement to adopt a common system of capital adequacy supervision in Britain and the US is a milestone in financial supervision. It is hardly surprising that such an important move in international harmonization of rules should have come from the bankers. They probably have a longer history of international co-operation than anyone else in the financial markets.

But it should show other sectors, in particular the world's securities markets, that international co-operation is achievable.

The need for "convergence" is unquestionably urgent in banking. The business is more international than ever. But the present initiative was made possible by the wholesale rethinking going on in many central bank parlours, forced by phenomena such as the explosion in off-balance sheet risk. It is, therefore, little surprise, and a relief, that at last a comprehensive system of assessing off-balance sheet exposure is being introduced.

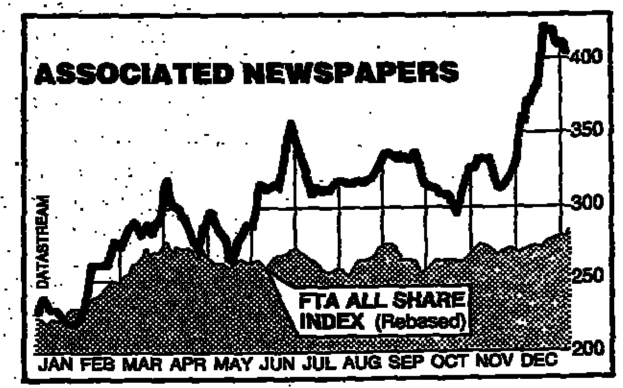
Quite what the new system will mean to the banks in practice is far from clear. According to a Fed representative, it will mean that most US banks will be very undercapitalized while the rest will merely be somewhat undercapitalized. In Britain there will probably also be a discreet casting about for capital — not so easy to do now that the perpetual floating rate note market is bombed out. But the fact is that not even the Bank knows what the real position of its charges is, partly because no one has evaluated total off-balance sheet exposure.

The new system borrows elements from both sides of the Atlantic. One British element is the idea of a published minimum ratio requirement. This, the Bank explains, is simply to show that regulators in different countries are starting from the same point. In practice, supervisors will have discretion to set each individual bank in its charge its own minimum ratio requirement which will often be "considerably above" the published minimum.

In theory this still gives supervisors the freedom to be more relaxed towards their own banks, surreptitiously tipping the playing field in their direction while still appearing to adhere to an internationally agreed standard. The British and US authorities insist this would not happen because international supervisors are constantly aware of each other's regulatory standards. Let us hope that is so. But in the meantime, the crucial task is to persuade the Japanese — with their aggressive banks and relaxed capital adequacy rules — to join the convergence club.

TEMPUS

Printed word lifts the gloom at Associated Newspapers



Excellent profit figures at Associated Newspapers Holdings have confounded the market. Six months ago, the company was talking the full-year figures down to below the 1985 result of £41.9 million.

The reason for the gloom was the cost of redundancy payments at the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday* and *The London Evening Standard* as the papers prepare for the move to the Surrey Docks, east London, next year.

In the event, Associated reported pretax profits of £46 million for the year to September 30, 1986 — 10 per cent up on 1985. Redundancy payments of £15.9 million were matched by a £16 million profit on the sale of part of the group's holding in Reuters.

The main distortion compared with the previous year is interest, which moved from a credit of £1.6 million to a charge of £3.9 million, mainly due to the cost of borrowings for the Esmond gas field where interest was capitalized until the field started producing gas in October 1985.

The area of greatest improvement is in the newspaper and magazine division. Turnover was up 24 per cent, while trading profit jumped 45 per cent. The regional newspapers and the national titles both had a good year.

The Mail on Sunday, now in its fifth year, has paid off all the development costs payable to the parent and is now contributing to the group. Analysts estimate *The Mail on Sunday* adversely affected profits by £9 million in 1985 and £18 million in 1984.

The group also managed to increase its contribution from oil and gas, now mainly gas. The fall in the oil price means that the Argyll oil field will be barely profitable. However, the Esmond gas field is in full production, giving a more stable source of earnings.

In 1987, the group should make £60 million pretax, helped by significant cost savings from the redundancies already achieved. Last year's subnormal tax charge is unlikely to be repeated, and the prospective multiple is about 14 at the current share price of 412p.

The shares have more than doubled in value in the last 18 months, but still stand at barely half their asset value. The asset value of the investments alone, including Reuters, Consolidated Bathurst (the Canadian newsprint manufacturer), North Sea oil and the Fleet Street property approximately equal the share price. The newspapers and other businesses are worth as much again.

The shares may pause before resuming their upward march, but any setback should be viewed as a buying opportunity.

Wardle Storeys

Wardle Storeys has not wasted any time reshaping RFD, acquired after a complicated takeover battle last June.

It has recouped almost the entire £29 million cost through sales of unwanted businesses, but it has retained the core inflatables and parachutes operations. These have been put on a lower cost base through stripping out head office costs and moving production of inflatables from Godalming, Surrey, to Belfast and parachutes from Woking, Surrey, to South Wales.

The effect on the balance sheet has been to increase liquidity from £5.5 million to £30.7 million, of which £25 million is in cash. Wardle is not keen to pile up interest at the bank and is seeking further acquisitions.

It is prepared to pay £25 million to £60 million for manufacturing businesses which need its managerial skills. It wants companies with low research and development costs and low capital expenditure, making poor returns on assets. The actual sector of manufacturing does not matter.

Wardle can point to the improvement at RFD's core businesses from a 3 per cent return on turnover to at least 7 per cent. RFD chipped in £900,000 to last year's taxable profits of £5.6 million. Further benefits are expected to accrue this year from the redirection of RFD's marketing.

The basic Wardle business also had a good year with turnover static but operating profits up 20 per cent. Lower margin business was stripped out and more added-value production introduced.

Forecasts for this year's profits depend heavily on what acquisitions, if any, Wardle makes. Greenwell Montagu, the stockbroker, is expecting £9.6 million assuming acqusitions rather than interest accruing.

The prospective rating is 15, on shares down 4p at 386p, based on a 35 per cent tax charge. Wardle paid 28 per cent tax last year, which would bring the p/e down to under 12 if such efficient tax management could be repeated.

The outlook for the shares depends on the acquisitions programme. The Wardle team has certainly delivered all it promised so far.

Abbey

Abbey, the Irish company which earns all of its profit in Britain, continued to put the past behind it yesterday when it reported interim results nicely ahead. This was despite an IR£331,000 (£310,215) loss from its Irish-based builders' providers or merchants, and adverse currency movements which depressed profits by IR £660,000.

Tighter management controls and strategic disposals have contributed to the group's marked improvement. The British-based housing operation, which whetted French Kier's appetite in 1985, is demonstrating that the thwarted suitor's choice was astute.

About 350 homes were sold in the first half. The full-year target is 800, rising to 1,000 for 1987/88.

Land buying, the key to every housebuilder's fortunes, is continuing apace. By the end of this year, £18 million will have been spent on 1,500 plots. Accounting for under 20 per cent of average selling prices, this is still at acceptable levels.

However, with gearing at more than 70 per cent, the management needs to be correct in its judgement that 1987 will be a sound year.

Plant hire, which accounts for 20 per cent of profits, is growing fast with the opening of three new depots.

P J Matthews, the troubled builders' provider, remains a disappointment and is to be closed down. The IR£1.5 million investment has been written off although some of this money may be recovered.

In the present year, Abbey should easily make IR£8.5 million. Earnings per share, benefiting from a lower tax charge, could be as high as IR 22p.

Even after yesterday's rise to IR 225p, the shares are not yet fully valued on a p/e ratio of 10.2.

ECC Construction, trading as SNW and Bradley Homes, is ranked as a leading UK homebuilder. It has about 50 development sites and is achieving around 1,200 completions per annum.

Measured growth and expansion from its traditional West Country base, has been accelerated by the acquisition of Bradley Homes in Swindon. The combined operation is now building extensively in the country and to a limited extent in the Southern half of the North West and Midlands.

The houses are constructed using traditional methods and materials. The range of house types caters for the first-time buyer through to the senior executive, but with the emphasis on the trade-up sector. Proven designs in house plans and layouts, individuality in external appearance and generous floor areas with the accent on space and quality, ensure that ECC Construction's customers get the very best value for money.

ECC Construction's strength of land holding, strategically sited, and its continued policy of concentrating on expanding its margins rather than volume, have played a major part in its growth.

ECC Construction intends to build its future on the application of this highly successful business formula, developed on the firm foundation of past experience.

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Gilt & Fixed	107.8	114.0	+0.4	10.53
High Inc Equity	98.7	108.0	+1.6	4.90
Worldwide Bond	201.9	214.7	-0.3	4.52
American Growth	157.5	167.5	+1.7	0.84
Asian Pacific	82.7	88.7	+0.6	1.69
Assets & Earns	112.9	120.1	+1.8	2.38
Capital Reserve	66.2	65.6	+0.1	1.52
Comm & Energy	100.7	107.1	+0.2	1.06
European Capital	101.7	108.1	-0.4	1.17
General	144.6	153.8c	+3.1	2.76
Japan	77.5	82.4	-0.8	..
UK Growth Inc	109.1	116.0	+1.2	1.35
Do Accum	157.7	167.7	+1.6	0.93
US Emerging Co's	54.5	57.9	+0.8	0.09
Equitas Progress	217.4	231.2	+4.3	3.12
Mastertst Acc	68.7	73.0	+0.3	2.25
American Inc	48.0	51.0	+0.4	5.15

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	239.2	253.6	+4.3	3.15
Growth & Income	140.4	148.8	+2.9	3.04
Capital Trust	235.1	249.2	+4.8	2.77
Balanced	375.5	398.0	+6.7	3.46
Accum Trust	580.0	614.8	+12.1	3.09
American Income	33.7	35.9	+0.2	4.15
High Income Tst	266.2	282.2	+4.8	4.64
Equity Income	147.2	156.0	+2.4	4.94
High Yield	152.8	162.0	+2.1	5.22
Gov't Secs Trust	28.1	29.2	+0.1	9.85
International	94.8	101.0a	+0.3	0.80
Japan Fund	122.7	130.7	-1.7	0.01
Pacific Trust	204.7	218.0	-2.0	0.62
Amer Spcl Sits	69.2	73.7	+0.6	1.40
Secs Of Amer Tst	210.7	224.4	+2.4	0.91
Ald Asset Value	242.5	257.1	+3.6	3.31
Conv & Gilt Trust	34.9	36.6	+0.2	7.13
Smaller Co's	132.6	140.6●	+1.2	3.07
2nd Smaller Co's	169.6	179.8	+1.3	2.23
Recovery Trust	86.4	91.6	+1.0	2.04

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Capital Growth Inc	60.6	64.8	+1.2	1.55
Do Accum	69.4	74.2	+1.3	1.55
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	153.8	164.4	+1.5	0.70
Do 6% Withdrawal	80.3	86.0	+0.8	0.70
Finance & Property	73.6	78.7	+0.8	3.56
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.5	50.0	+0.2	8.17
Do Accum	80.8	86.0	+0.5	8.17
Equity Income	80.6	86.2	+1.0	4.42
Do Accum	190.9	204.1	+2.9	4.42
High Yield Income	79.1	84.5	+0.5	6.08
Do Accum	213.5	228.3	+1.4	6.08
Intl Income	86.0	91.9	+0.4	2.03
Do Accum	88.3	94.4	+0.4	2.03
Do 5% Withdrwl	79.8	85.3	+0.4	2.03
Managed Fund	65.5	70.0	+0.1	..
Preference Income	27.6	29.5	..	10.52
Do Accum	92.4	98.8	+0.5	10.52
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	67.8	72.5	+0.6	2.20
Portfolio Tst UK	78.2	81.0	+1.8	1.39
Portfolio Tst Japan	101.5	105.1	+0.7	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	73.3	75.9	+0.4	0.98
Portfolio Tst Europe	128.2	132.8	-0.4	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	54.8	58.7	+0.5	0.10

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Intl Ex (22)	485.6	507.0	..	0.84
Japan Ex (43)	445.3	484.5	..	0.20
UK Ex (31)	242.1	258.9	..	1.42
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	171.2	182.2	+3.2	0.00
BG Energy	167.7	178.5	-0.7	1.89
BG Income Grwth	207.5	220.8	+1.2	5.19
BG Japan	196.4	208.9	-1.3	0.00
BG Technology	153.5	163.3	+3.0	0.00

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American	49.4	52.6	+1.0	2.01
Australian	23.9	25.5	..	1.82
Japan & General	118.1	125.7	+2.1	0.05
High Income	46.7	49.7	+0.7	6.06
International Trust	88.1	93.8	+0.4	0.87
Income Gth Tst	52.0	55.4	+1.2	3.68
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.1	21.4●	+0.1	10.74
Global Markets	35.7	38.0	+0.1	1.42
Special Situations	46.3	49.3	+0.6	1.57

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America	89.6	94.6	+0.9	1.46
Aust Accum	194.2	205.5	+1.1	0.84
Do Income	136.9	144.8	+0.7	0.84
Capital	74.4	78.7	+1.6	2.88
Exempt Trust	452.4	478.7	+8.5	4.02
Extra Income	78.8	83.3	+1.2	5.29
Financial	239.7	253.6●	+1.5	2.96
500	280.6	298.9	+3.5	3.04
General	146.6	155.1	+2.5	3.66
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.8	54.5●	+0.1	10.05
Japan & Gen Inc	170.4	180.3	-1.9	0.00
Do Acc	172.4	182.4	-1.9	0.00
Growth Accum	187.6	198.5	+2.6	2.17
Income Trust	355.3	375.9	+6.3	3.76
Leisure Trust	84.1	88.9c	+1.4	1.47
Special Situations	149.4	158.0	+1.3	2.29
Recovery	208.0	220.1	+3.0	2.77
Trustee Fund	110.7	117.1	+2.3	2.90
Univ Tech Accum	55.9	60.2	+0.6	0.05
Do Income	56.4	59.6	+0.7	0.05
Worldwide Trust	153.0	161.9●	-0.3	1.14
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	356.6	377.3	+7.9	3.21
Do Inc	227.5	240.7	+5.1	3.21

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Australia	82.5	88.2	+1.2	*0.30*
Eastern	76.1	81.3	+0.6	0.30
Equity Income	60.5	65.0	+1.2	5.80
Europe	139.5	149.5	+0.2	1.00
Growth & Inc	66.1	71.8	+1.3	3.00
Japan Special	109.8	117.3	-1.3	0.30
Japan Sunrise	92.1	98.7	-1.3	0.30
First Europe	121.4	129.1	-0.1	0.80
First Japan	89.1	97.0	-0.8	1.10
First N Amer	50.9	56.4	+1.2	1.10
First Smaller Co's	68.6	74.0	+0.3	2.70

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Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.8	68.4c	+1.5	0.97
Do Accum	66.4	70.0c	+1.6	0.97
European Inc	103.3	109.0●	-0.5	1.20
Do Accum	127.4	134.4	-0.6	1.20
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	23.0	24.3	+0.1	2.22
Do Accum	29.6	31.2	+0.2	2.22
General Inc	170.3	179.7c	+2.3	2.90
Do Accum	235.5	248.4●	+3.3	2.90
Gilt Yield Inc	109.8	113.2	+0.9	10.22
Do Accum	181.1	186.6	+1.6	10.22
High Yield Inc	96.4	101.7	+1.3	4.98
Do Accum	195.6	206.4	+2.5	4.98
Intl Rec Inc	107.6	113.5●	+0.3	1.99
Do Accum	113.7	120.0●	+0.3	1.99
Japan Inc	242.2	255.5	+0.2	0.20
Do Accum	243.9	257.3	+0.2	0.20
Japanese Spec Inc	110.9	117.0	-0.3	0.09
Do Accum	111.3	117.4	-0.3	0.09
N American Inc	51.3	54.1●	+0.9	0.74
Do Accum	59.7	63.0●	+1.1	0.74
Pacific Inc	142.8	150.7	-0.1	0.57
Do Accum	161.7	170.6	+0.6	0.57
Planned Investment	137.1	145.3	+2.7	3.58
Smaller Co's Inc	90.2	95.2●	+0.7	0.98
Do Accum	107.6	113.5	+0.7	0.96
Smaller Inc A	..	..	..	..
UK Equity Gth Inc	28.3	29.9	+0.4	1.37
Do Accum	46.8	49.4	+0.6	1.37
Worldwide Tech Inc	41.9	44.2	+0.5	1.27
Do Accum	42.3	44.6	+0.5	1.27
KB High Yield Inc	136.9	144.4	+1.8	5.36
Do Accum	231.1	243.8	+3.0	5.36

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Financial	141.4	151.2	+0.7	8.38
Smaller Co's Acc	247.4	261.6	+1.6	..
Do Income	158.0	167.2	+1.1	0.95
High Income	70.3	75.1	+1.0	5.45
Income	81.2	86.8	+1.3	4.44
Man Portfolio Inc	70.5	75.4	+1.8	2.67
Do Acc	119.1	127.4	+3.0	..
North American	58.7	62.7	+0.5	1.42
Orient	88.1	94.2	-0.4	0.25

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General Inc (4)	231.5	241.9	+6.1	2.90
Do Accum (4)	372.8	389.6	+9.8	2.90
Income Fund (3)	105.3	110.3	..	4.65
Do Accum (3)	188.2	197.0	..	4.65
Intl Inc (2)	138.6	144.8	..	0.83
Do Accum (2)	184.4	192.8	..	0.83
Smaller Inc (5)	61.8	65.5a	..	2.51
Do Accum	68.4	70.4a	..	2.51

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	299.0	316.4	+4.0	2.86
Income	347.6	367.8	+4.2	4.45
Far East	247.0	261.4	+1.4	0.24
North American	154.5	163.5	+2.2	0.56
Global	53.4	56.5	+0.9	0.80
European	57.6	60.9	-0.2	1.23
Japan	61.3	64.8	+0.3	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	381.4	405.8	+2.8	1.74
Income	300.3	319.5	+5.9	4.65
North American	296.5	315.5	+3.9	1.17

CATER ALLEN
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt Trust	90.9		+0.5	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	418.9		..	4.46
Fixed Int	135.8		..	10.58
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	57.3	60.6	..	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	384.68		..	4.94
Accum	£11.187		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.70

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	25.7	27.2	+0.5	1.80
Equity High Income	46.0	48.7	+0.6	4.30
European Growth	32.1	34.0	-0.1	2.00
General Equity	41.0	43.4	+0.8	2.50
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	28.8	30.4	+0.1	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.8	25.1	..	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	26.1	27.7	-0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	34.8	36.9	..	0.90
Pedigree Gth	25.4	26.9	+0.4	2.50

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Energy Trust	50.8	53.7	+0.2	3.69
Extra Income	174.7	184.9●	+2.2	5.18
Financial	180.7	191.3●	+1.3	2.26
Gilt Strategy	56.9	58.7	+0.1	1.38
Growth Investment	300.3	317.8●	+6.0	2.44
Income & Growth	44.0	46.5	+0.7	4.89
Japanese Growth	197.3	208.8	-1.0	0.59
Nth Amer Growth	108.2	114.6	+1.5	1.38
Intl Recovery	120.0	126.9c	+1.2	2.24
Smaller Co's	231.7	245.2	+1.4	1.98
Global Inc Tst	62.4	66.1	+0.4	6.54
Special Sits Acc	304.3	322.1	+2.0	1.39

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income Trust	270.3	287.6	+4.7	4.54
Growth Trust	239.5	254.8	+8.9	2.83
American Trust	128.0	136.2	+2.6	0.73

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	51.7	55.1	+1.0	4.72
UK Growth Accum	54.7	58.2	+1.5	2.41
Do Dist	54.7	58.2	+1.5	2.41
European Growth	61.4	65.4	-0.4	1.88
Pacific Growth	57.2	60.9	-0.4	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	71.8	76.4	..	1.31
Capital Fund	104.9	111.7	..	1.52
Growth & Inc Fund	137.3	148.2	..	4.27
High Dist Fund	115.4	122.8	..	5.50
International Fund	215.6	229.6	..	0.98
Resources Fund	25.8	27.5	..	0.36
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.6	36.8	..	..
Tokyo Fund	170.8	181.9	..	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	144.6	148.5	..	2.01
(Ex) Japan (3)	112.2	115.2●	..	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	331.8	340.9	..	0.28
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	198.5	204.0	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.1	30.9●	..	3.24

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balanced Inc	74.6	79.2	+1.8	2.98
Do Accum	76.5	81.2	+1.9	2.92
UK Growth Accum	94.3	100.0	+1.8	2.05
UK High Inc Inc	71.5	75.9	+0.8	4.80
N American Accum	70.4	75.1	+0.9	0.71
Far Eastern Accum	111.4	118.8	-1.5	0.85
European Accum	92.3	98.4	-0.4	1.17
UK Gilt & FI Inc	52.4	55.6	+0.2	8.81
Do Accum	55.8	59.2	+0.2	8.28

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	113.8	121.2	..	2.95

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equitable Pelican	80.4	85.6	+1.5	3.25
High Income Trust	80.3	85.5	+1.2	5.29
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.7	52.9●	..	9.00
Tst Of Inv Trusts	76.0	80.9	+1.0	1.85
Special Sits Trust	80.7	85.9	+1.2	2.18
Nth Amer Trust	61.2	65.2	+0.8	1.63
Far Eastern Trust	99.6	106.0	-1.4	0.43
Intl Growth	56.4	60.0	-0.1	1.06

EQUITY & LAW
St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	159.2	169.3	+3.4	2.99
Do Income	136.4	145.1	+2.9	2.99
Higher Inc Accum	269.5	286.6	+5.9	4.12
Do Income	212.9	226.4	+4.6	4.12
Gilts/Fixed Accum	98.4	103.5	+0.4	8.75
Do Income	81.5	85.7	+0.3	8.75
Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.1	147.9	+1.9	0.49
Far East Tst Accum	177.8	189.1	..	0.08
Euro Tst Accum	174.7	185.8	-0.9	0.63
General Trust	252.9	269.0	+5.3	3.18

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smaller Co's	72.3	77.0	+1.2	0.21
Capital Fund	116.8	124.3	+1.6	0.21
UK Income Fund	81.6	86.9	+1.0	4.63
Far Eastern Fund	76.1	81.0	-0.5	0.00
Overseas Income	75.2	80.1	+0.5	3.37
Fixed Interest	56.3	58.9	+0.1	9.00
Natural Res Fund	50.8	54.1	+0.5	3.16
European Income	86.2	91.8	-0.6	2.77
Financials Fund	50.8	54.1	+0.4	2.77

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced Gth Inc	44.5	47.4	..	1.40
Do Accum	45.5	48.4	..	..
Income Gth Inc	40.9	43.5	..	5.30
Do Accum	43.8	46.7	..	..
Service Co's Inc	51.6	54.9	..	1.00
Do Accum	52.7	55.8	..	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge. TN9 1DY
0732 361144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	108.6	115.6	+1.9	0.78
Amer Equity Income	35.6	37.6	+0.5	4.28
Amer Special Sits	55.3	58.9	+1.1	0.20
Australia	33.6	35.8	-0.1	3.17
European	47.7	50.5	+0.2	0.00
Far East Inc	37.2	39.4	+0.6	3.92
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.4	30.7●	..	9.60
Growth & Income	100.9	107.4	+1.7	4.48
Japan Special Sits	42.2	45.1	..	..
Japan	150.5	160.6	-0.9	..
Managed Intl	146.9	156.3	+1.4	0.24
Max Income Equity	86.8	92.4	+0.3	4.90
Professional Gth	35.5	37.8	+0.5	2.27
South East Asia	45.1	48.0	+0.6	0.11
Special Sits	180.2	191.8	+2.5	0.42

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN
01-638 5858

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Exempt	£364.8	371.0	..	1.38
Japan Exempt	£460.0	469.1	..	0.79
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	216.6	231.2	+5.1	..
Do Accum	223.4	236.4	+5.2	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	211.4	223.6	+4.9	1.23
Do Accum	219.4	232.0	+5.1	1.23
Capital Tst Inc	219.6	232.2	+2.4	2.17
Do Accum	267.4	282.8	+2.7	2.17
Conv & Gilt Inc	90.2	95.4	+0.2	5.20
Do Accum	122.4	123.4	+0.2	5.20
Extra Inc Tst Inc	177.2	187.4c	+2.7	4.34
Do Accum	192.2	203.2c	+3.2	4.34
Income Trust	127.2	134.6	+2.3	3.90
Do Accum	136.2	144.0	+2.5	3.90
Intl Growth Fd Inc	168.8	178.4	+2.3	..
Do Accum	187.2	198.0	+2.5	..
Japan & Gen Inc	96.4	102.0	+0.3	0.07
Do Accum	97.4	103.0	+0.2	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	89.0	94.0	+0.8	4.70
Recovery	154.8	163.6c	+2.9	1.38
Do Accum	168.6	178.4c	+3.3	1.38
European Inc	68.2	72.0	-0.2	0.83
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	-0.2	0.83
Financial Inc	51.6	54.4	+2.0	0.96
Do Accum	51.6	54.4	+2.0	0.96

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FP Equity Dist	210.9	223.8	+8.0	2.72
Do Accum	355.1	376.9	+13.8	2.72
FP Fixed Int Dist	108.2	115.1	+0.5	6.27
Do Accum	127.9	136.0	+0.6	6.27
Stewardship Dist	182.6	193.8	+4.3	1.66
Do Accum	190.1	201.8	+4.5	1.66
FP North American	121.7	129.0●	..	1.18
FP Pacific Basin	170.1	180.3●	..	*0.39*

FUNDS IN COURT
Public Trustee Kingsway WC2
01-405 4300

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	373.0	374.8	..	2.67
Gross Inc	155.8	156.4	..	7.51
High Yield	229.7	231.7	..	5.82

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Special Sits	64.8	69.0	+2.0	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	108.9	115.9	+2.5	2.50
Do Accum	158.6	168.6	+3.6	2.50
Income Fund	81.4	86.6	+0.8	5.80
Pension Exempt	183.4	201.5	+2.8	1.60
International	179.1	190.8	+2.1	0.90
US & General	54.3	57.8	+1.2	0.80
Tech & Growth	64.8	69.0	+2.0	1.10
Japan & General	248.0	263.9	+1.2	0.10
Far East & Gen	124.2	132.2	+1.7	0.40
European Fund	280.4	298.4	-0.4	0.30
Germany Fund	77.5	82.6	-0.7	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	51.6	54.9	+0.2	4.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	87.1	92.5	+0.9	0.70
Australian Trust	28.5	30.3	-0.2	0.14
British Tst Accum	66.9	71.0	+1.3	1.68
Do Dist	57.9	61.5	+1.1	1.68
Commodity Share	73.1	77.5	+0.2	1.60
European Trust	57.6	61.2	-0.2	0.59
Extra Income Trust	52.4	55.6	+0.6	6.07
Far Eastern Trust	149.1	158.2	-1.2	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.6	27.2c	-0.1	8.75
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.6	26.2	+0.1	9.30
Global Fund Accum	189.6	201.2	-0.3	0.30
Do Dist	180.6	191.4	-0.3	0.30
Gold Shares Trust	16.7	17.8	..	1.27
Hedged American	32.4	34.3	+0.5	0.50
High Income Trust	152.7	162.1	+1.3	5.56
Hong Kong Trust	40.5	43.0	..	1.20
Income Fund	83.5	88.7	+1.2	3.27
Insurance Agencies	£54.48	58.34	+1.48	1.87
Japan Trust	135.0	143.7	-2.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	270.8	282.1	+4.5	2.12
Oil & Energy Trust	37.6	38.9c	..	2.70
Special Sits Trust	108.0	114.6	+3.0	0.75
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	78.9	83.8	+0.6	1.20

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Growth	90.1	95.8	+0.3	1.10
American Growth	66.5	70.7	+0.8	0.88
American Inc	72.8	77.4	+0.5	4.34
European Growth	244.1	259.7	-1.5	0.43
Gold & Minerals	48.3	51.5	+0.4	0.67
Japan Growth	154.1	164.8	-1.3	..

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 5903

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	115.2	119.7	..	9.35
Growth Equity	207.5	219.6	+9.5	1.96
Guardhill	290.2	300.7	+5.6	2.74
N American	148.2	158.9	+3.3	1.34
Pacific	267.6	283.2	-2.3	0.09
Property Shares	283.8	300.2c	+1.4	1.32
Smaller Companies	226.0	239.2	+4.4	1.63
European Trust	278.7	295.0	-0.5	0.96

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ,
01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	82.7	58.8c	+0.3	8.39
N Amer Trust	115.2	122.6	+1.6	0.73
Recovery	242.7	258.2	+1.0	1.87
Gilt Trust	37.9	39.3	+0.1	9.21
St Vincent Inc	90.5	93.3	+0.9	5.00
St Vincent US Gth	75.1	79.3	+1.2	0.76
Temple Bar Sm Co's	189.5	200.0	..	3.41
Euro Gth Tst	48.3	51.2	-0.1	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Smlr Co's	141.4	150.0c	+1.8	1.73
Hambros N Amer	67.4	71.5	+0.9	0.91
Hambros Jap & F E	130.8	138.9	-0.8	0.43
Hambros Scandva	81.5	86.5	+0.3	0.89
Hambros European	109.4	116.1	-0.4	0.79
Hambros Canadian	50.8	54.0	+0.4	1.20
Hambros Equity Inc	90.2	95.7●	+1.5	4.91
Hambros High Inc	62.6	66.4	+0.8	5.27
Hambros Res Assts	66.2	70.2	+0.7	1.81
Hambros Intl Sits	58.0	61.5	+0.2	0.81

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recovery Tst	111.2	118.9	-0.7	0.17
Amer Smaller Co's	52.8	56.5	+1.0	0.23
Australian	89.1	95.3	..	1.58
Capital Growth Inc	61.4	65.7	+1.9	1.54
Do Accum	71.3	76.3	+2.2	1.54
European	279.2	297.0	-0.8	5.10
Euro Inc Tst	48.7	51.3	..	4.02
Euro Smaller Co's	108.0	115.5	-0.1	0.57
Extra Income	185.0	197.9	+1.9	4.02
Financial Trust	163.6	174.0	+0.6	2.80
Fixed Interest Tst	54.0	57.2	..	10.00
Gilt Trust	41.9	44.6	+0.1	9.10
Global Healthcare	77.3	82.3	+0.9	0.01
Global Resources	89.6	95.0	+1.7	0.88
Global Tech	118.4	126.6	+2.8	0.42
Gold	62.6	66.9	-0.6	2.31
High Income Tst	199.2	213.1	-1.1	4.46
Hong Kong	71.8	76.8	-0.2	1.18
Income & Growth Inc	154.4	164.3	+3.2	3.25
Do Accum	306.1	325.6	+6.4	3.25
Income Assets	117.7	125.2	+2.4	3.49
International	187.1	200.1	+0.4	0.79
Japan Special Sits	179.8	191.3	-3.5	0.01
Japan Tst	173.2	184.5	-3.5	0.01
North American	147.4	157.7c	+2.9	0.56
Pacific Smaller Co's	83.0	88.8	-0.4	1.13
Pref & Gilt	46.8	49.8	..	10.20
Recovery Tst	110.8	118.5	+3.4	2.57
Singapore & Malay	35.4	37.9	+1.4	1.35
Smaller Co's Div	127.4	136.3●	+1.0	4.27
Special Sits Inc	146.9	157.1	+2.8	1.80
Do Accum	207.0	221.4	+3.9	1.80
Worldwide	390.1	410.6	..	2.90
Euro Exempt	135.4	142.5	-0.5	2.11
Global Tech Exempt	91.8	96.6	-0.3	1.05
High Income Exempt	129.6	136.4	+1.6	4.80
Japan Exempt	175.8	185.1	-2.0	0.23
N Amer Exempt	88.4	93.1	+0.9	1.53
Pacific Exempt	208.1	219.0	+0.2	2.04
Smaller Co's Exempt	122.8	129.3	+1.2	1.82

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Trust Units	568.9	602.1	+16.9	2.94
Capital Trust Units	108.3	114.7	+1.7	2.85
Dollar Trust Units	195.7	207.1	+3.5	2.33
European Trust	153.9	162.9●	-0.9	0.94
Far East Trust	143.0	151.4	+0.2	0.55
Financial Trust	384.1	408.5	+1.9	2.88
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.4	28.5	..	10.85
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	69.0	73.1	+1.1	4.93
Income Trust	87.8	93.0	+1.8	4.42
International	142.8	151.0c	+1.5	1.72
Japan Tech Tst	38.6	40.9	-0.2	0.00
Natural Resources	39.4	41.7	+0.4	1.80
Security Trust	199.0	210.8	+3.3	3.11
Smaller Cos	93.3	98.8	+0.8	1.83
Special Sits	103.1	109.2	+1.2	2.30
US Smaller Cos	24.8	26.3	+0.6	0.95

IBI FUND MANAGERS
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB
01-222 1000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
IBI Brit & O'seas	146.5	155.1	+1.6	1.63
IBI Inc Plus	61.1	64.7	+2.4	8.80
IBI Capital Growth	61.8	65.4	+3.0	1.80
Investment Tst Fnd	78.3	82.9	+0.7	3.28

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35, Fountain Street, Manchester
(03038) 93364

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity & Gen	48.1	51.4	+0.7	1.87
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.9	67.0	..	10.76
Higher Inc	122.4	130.9	+1.3	4.96
Income	52.0	55.5	+0.5	3.68
International	280.9	300.4	+1.7	1.44

KLEINWORT BENSON
'SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD'

L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE
01-588 2800

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Fund	452.6	472.1	..	*5.14*
International & Gen	255.0	270.5	..	0.88

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
0277 234634

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Distribution	285.9	304.1	+7.1	2.58
Do Accum	452.1	481.0	+11.4	2.58
Do Income	62.7	66.7●	+0.8	4.89
European	78.2	83.2	-0.3	1.55
Far Eastern	121.3	129.0	-0.9	0.70
Gilt Trust	75.3	79.7	+0.2	7.42
O'seas Equity	87.2	92.8	+0.1	1.63
Natural Res	76.8	81.7	+0.2	1.73
N American Trust	83.8	89.2c	+0.9	1.63
UK Special Sits	68.3	72.7	+1.0	0.28
International Bond	47.7	50.7	-0.1	8.90
Japanese Tst	52.3	55.6	-0.7	0.90
Managed Tst	49.4	57.6	+2.6	2.85

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0444 459144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	194.3	205.7	+4.5	2.97
Do Accum	350.6	372.9	+8.0	2.97
Conti Euro Gth Inc	47.1	50.0	-0.2	0.57
Do Accum	47.1	50.0	-0.2	0.57
Energy Intl	55.5	59.0	+0.2	2.95
Do Accum	62.2	66.1	+0.2	2.95
Extra Income	165.4	175.9	+1.8	5.02
Do Accum	303.2	322.5	+3.2	5.02
German Gth Inc	75.2	79.9	-0.9	0.16
Do Accum	75.4	80.2	-0.9	0.15
Income	286.5	304.7	+4.5	4.39
Do Accum	576.3	612.0	+8.9	4.39
Intl Tech	197.2	209.7	+1.4	0.24
Do Accum	206.3	219.4	+1.5	0.24
Japan Growth	82.0	87.2	-0.8	0.02
Do Accum	82.2	87.4	-0.8	0.02
N Amer & Gen	107.8	114.6c	+1.4	1.14
Do Accum	116.4	123.8	+1.5	1.14
Pacific Basin	148.6	158.0	-0.8	0.02
Do Accum	155.1	164.9	-0.8	0.02
Smaller Cos & Rec	203.9	216.8	+1.3	2.03
Do Accum	230.4	245.0	+1.5	2.03
Worldwide Growth	216.3	230.1	-0.3	0.37
Do Accum	304.7	324.1	-0.4	0.37
UK Growth Fund	50.8	54.0	+1.2	1.98

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 52155

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General Trust	46.5	49.4	+1.2	3.80
Income Trust	38.9	41.4	+0.7	5.80
International Trust	38.4	40.8	..	0.60
American	34.0	36.1	+0.3	2.00
Japan	47.9	50.9	-0.4	0.00
Trust of Inv	33.0	35.1	+0.4	2.10

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	227.2	238.7	+3.9	1.36
Do Accum	264.8	279.4	+4.6	1.36
Amer Recovery	250.7	264.5	+5.7	0.46
Do Accum	274.2	289.3	+6.2	0.46
Am Smaller Co Acc	58.7	61.9a	+1.7	0.35
Australia Acc	136.7	144.2	+2.5	0.45
Commodity Acc	250.9	264.7c	+2.0	2.41
Compound Growth	438.1	466.6	+4.5	3.18
Conversion Growth	347.3	371.6	+2.3	2.85
Do Inc	201.9	213.0	+0.8	5.58
Dividend Fund Inc	435.2	459.1●	+4.5	5.01
Do Accum	£13.02	13.74	+0.13	5.01
European Acc	290.6	306.6	-0.1	0.86
Extra Yield Inc	244.6	258.1	+2.5	5.37
Do Accum	536.7	566.2	+5.6	5.37
Far Eastern Inc	168.9	178.2	+1.6	1.33
Do Accum	206.5	217.9	+1.9	1.33
Fund Of Inv Inc	272.0	287.0	+1.8	2.75
Do Acc	431.4	455.1	+2.8	2.75
General Income	665.7	702.3●	+8.2	3.79
Do Accum	£14.31	15.10	+0.17	3.79
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.0	60.9	..	8.67
Do Accum	91.2	95.8	+0.1	8.67
Gold Income	48.9	52.6c	+0.8	2.18
Do Accum	53.2	56.1	+0.8	2.18
High Income Inc	339.9	358.6●	+4.0	5.04
Do Accum	936.6	988.1	+10.9	5.04
Intl Growth Inc	605.5	653.0	+7.1	1.71
Do Accum	£13.01	13.73	+0.11	1.71
Intl Inc	62.3	66.3	+0.7	5.00
Japan Acc	851.2	898.0	-4.5	0.15
Japan Smaller Acc	84.5	89.7	-0.3	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	612.0	645.7	+5.8	4.01
Do Accum	£15.47	16.32	+0.14	4.01
Recovery Fund Inc	395.2	416.9●	+4.4	3.16
Do Accum	517.6	546.1	+5.7	3.16
Second Gen Inc	757.3	798.9●	+7.3	3.42
Do Accum	£15.16	16.00	+0.14	3.42
Smaller Cos Inc	710.7	750.4	+6.0	2.75
Do Accum	£11.20	11.99	+0.07	2.75
Trustee Fund Inc	476.1	507.0	+5.6	4.22
Charibond Inc (3)	107.7		..	11.26
Charifund Inc (2)	418.7	422.9	..	5.54
Pension Exempt (1)	489.1	507.7	..	4.18
NAACIF Inc (3)	38.9		..	8.29
Do Accum (3)	489.8		..	8.29

MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD
01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/9
UK Specialist Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Gilt	60.1	61.0	+0.1	0.40
Smaller Co's	143.9	152.7	+0.4	1.26
UK Spec Features	88.6	94.0	+0.9	1.57
Do Accum	92.8	98.5	+1.0	1.57

General Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth	39.5	41.9	+0.8	2.06
Managed Inv	59.8	63.5	+0.3	2.57

High Income Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Extra Inc	80.4	84.1c	+0.9	6.99
Gilt	24.5	25.8	..	8.26
Inc & Growth	219.1	232.5	+4.4	3.83
Nat High Inc	210.0	222.8	+3.8	4.36
Pref Shares	17.4	18.5●	..	10.75

Sector Specialist Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Commodity	149.3	158.4	+0.6	2.18
Financial Secs	49.1	52.1	..	2.03
Gold	63.3	67.9	+0.8	0.52
Do Accum	65.5	70.2	+0.6	0.51
Intl Leisure	15.2	16.1	+0.1	0.55
Prop Shares	66.6	70.7	+0.5	1.04
Univ Energy	45.6	48.4c	+0.8	1.59
World Tech	43.8	46.5	+0.6	0.81

Exempt Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Exempt	90.9	94.7	+2.2	3.39

Overseas Growth Fund

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	104.9	111.3	+1.2	3.02
Aust Growth	85.8	91.0	-0.4	1.35
European Perf	92.6	98.2	-0.1	0.91
Do Accum	92.8	98.5	-0.1	0.90
Euro Smaller	17.7	18.8	-0.1	0.18
Far East	60.8	64.5	-0.4	0.70
Hong Kong	36.1	38.3●	+0.1	1.73
Intl Growth	38.8	41.2	+0.4	1.45
Intl Recovery	111.0	117.8	+0.9	2.51
Japan Perf	72.8	77.2c	-1.0	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	15.5	16.4	-0.2	0.00
US Small Co	69.6	73.8	+0.8	0.00
Do Accum	70.3	74.6	+0.8	0.00

Overseas Income Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl High Inc	58.1	61.6	+0.4	4.68
US Income	59.7	63.3	+0.6	3.91
Do Accum	64.8	68.8	+0.7	3.90

NEL Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Nelstar Gilt	68.9	70.7	-0.4	10.45

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX
0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
MLA American	24.6	26.0	+0.2	0.96
MLA General	35.3	37.4	+0.9	2.00
MLA International	60.1	63.7	-0.3	0.83
MLA Gilt Unit	23.0	24.3	..	10.69
MLA Income	45.1	47.7	+0.6	4.71
MLA European	32.7	34.6	-0.1	0.72

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts
0438 356101

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Units	81.5	86.6	+2.9	2.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	109.4	113.2	+0.5	7.27
High Income Units	122.2	129.9	+3.9	4.29
High Yield Gilt Unt	57.8	59.8	+0.2	8.86
Intl Growth Units	143.8	152.8	+1.8	0.31
N American Units	74.9	79.6	+2.4	0.70
Far East Units	103.5	110.0	+0.3	0.17
Smaller Cos Fund	78.1	83.0	+1.2	2.12

MENCAP UNIT TRUST
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7
01-234 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mencap	143.6	152.1	+2.8	4.90

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS
01-280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	101.0	106.8	+2.6	0.93
Do Accum	105.1	111.2	+2.8	0.93
Amer Income	52.7	55.7	+1.0	3.45
Do Accum	56.3	59.5	+1.1	3.45
European Growth	145.0	153.4	-0.3	1.04
Do Accum	150.1	158.8	-0.3	1.04
General	264.6	280.0	+5.6	1.90
Do Accum	434.7	459.9	+9.5	1.90
Gilt & Fixed	82.6	84.0	+0.4	8.83
Do Accum	97.5	97.9	+0.4	8.83
Income	89.1	94.2●	+1.9	3.80
Do Accum	100.3	106.1c	+2.1	3.80
International	269.9	285.6	+2.4	1.69
Do Accum	336.2	355.7	+3.1	1.69
Japan	181.3	191.8c	-0.7	0.00
Do Accum	185.5	196.2c	-0.8	0.00
Recovery	216.5	229.0	+3.5	2.39
Do Accum	233.5	247.0	+3.8	2.39
Exempt Dist	250.7	257.1	..	2.58
Exempt Accum	388.8	398.7	..	2.58
Euro Inc. Fund Inc	82.8	87.6	+0.5	3.46
Do Accum	85.1	90.0	+0.5	3.46

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD
0742 769842

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Income	82.0	87.0	+1.7	2.22
Do Accum	112.8	119.7	+2.4	2.22
Commodity & Gen	135.0	143.2	+1.2	2.64
Do Accum	192.2	203.9	+1.8	2.64
Extra High Inc	58.6	62.2	+0.4	7.97
Do Accum	71.5	75.9●	+0.5	7.97
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.0	54.3●	+0.4	9.35
Do Accum	87.9	91.8●	+0.7	9.33
High Yield	164.7	174.7	+2.1	5.46
Do Accum	298.0	309.4	+3.7	5.46
Income	184.4	195.6	+3.6	3.61
Do Accum	305.4	324.0	+6.3	3.61
Japan & Pacific	301.6	320.0	-2.3	0.21
Do Accum	316.3	335.6	-2.5	0.21
N American Inc	118.9	124.0●	+1.0	1.47
Do Accum	140.5	149.2●	+1.1	1.47
Euro Gth Inc	135.2	143.4●	-0.6	1.37
Do Accum	162.8	172.7●	-0.7	1.37
Managed Portfolio	54.7	57.8	+0.3	3.49
Smaller Cos Inc	124.5	132.0c	+0.2	2.33
Do Accum	132.6	140.9c	+0.3	2.33

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH
041 221 9252

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	122.9	131.1	+0.6	2.87
European	271.7	290.0	-1.0	1.30
Smaller Cos	229.8	245.4	+2.1	1.37

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
NPI UK	208.9	222.3	..	3.10
Do Accum	347.4	369.5	+6.5	3.10
NPI Overseas	642.5	683.6	..	1.10
Do Accum	786.8	837.1	..	1.10
Far East Acc	97.2	103.5	..	0.60
American Acc	62.8	66.8	..	3.10
European Acc	59.3	63.1	..	0.40
Worldwide Acc	57.0	60.7	..	1.10

NORWICH UT MANAGERS
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG
0603 622200

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Group Trust	£12.74	13.41	..	3.41
Intl Trust	141.8	149.3	..	1.19

OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International Growth	153.3	163.1●	..	1.17
Income & Growth	60.7	64.6	..	3.47
Worldwide Rec	96.6	102.8	..	1.80
American Growth	33.3	35.4	..	..
Japan Growth	54.2	57.4	..	0.00
European Growth	75.7	80.6	..	2.58
UK Growth	56.0	59.6●	..	0.57
Pacific Growth	46.2	49.0	..	..
High Income	35.3	37.6●	..	7.72
Practical Income	69.8	67.8	+0.1	1.74
Do Accum	117.1	124.6	..	1.74

PEARL TRUST
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB
01-405 8441

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund Inc	95.6	101.7	+1.5	2.47
Do Accum	143.5	152.7	+2.2	2.47
Income Fund	130.6	138.9	+2.3	3.69
Intl Equity Inc	143.4	152.6	+1.1	1.49
Do Accum	144.7	153.9	+1.1	1.49
Unit Trust Inc	136.3	145.0●	+2.4	2.80
Do Accum	238.6	253.8●	+4.3	2.80

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames
0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Growth	285.2	305.6	+1.7	0.72
Income	203.1	218.4	+4.5	4.59
Worldwide Rec	158.0	168.7	..	1.39
Amer Growth	70.5	75.3	+0.8	0.80
Intl Emerg Co's	82.5	88.1	+0.2	0.55
Far East Growth	86.8	92.7	+0.2	0.62
European Gth	61.4	65.6	..	1.29

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2
01-247 7544/7

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International	127.3	135.5	+0.7	0.89
High Income	64.9	69.5	+1.2	4.00
Conv & Gilt	100.8	107.3	+0.6	5.77
Far Eastern	189.5	201.7	-1.9	0.19
North American	130.2	139.3	+1.4	0.07
Special Sits	73.8	78.6	+0.8	1.53
Technology	120.5	128.9	+2.1	0.00
Extra Income	95.5	102.2	+1.8	4.24
Euro Gth & Inc	48.8	52.0●	+0.2	3.02

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL
01-478 3377

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holborn Equity	429.6	454.6	+8.7	2.97
European	111.7	119.2●	-0.3	0.70
Holborn Comms	53.8	56.7	+0.6	0.85
Holborn High Inc	67.4	71.3	+0.7	5.05
Holborn Intl	106.5	112.5●	+0.5	0.77
Japanese	106.3	112.4	-0.6	0.06
N American	78.3	82.8	+0.7	0.59
Holborn Spec Sits	68.8	72.8	+1.2	2.01
Holborn UK Growth	86.4	91.4	+1.8	2.05
Holborn Gilt Trust	189.8	198.2	-0.3	2.43
Holborn Smlr Cos	52.4	55.4	+0.3	2.10
Holborn Eqty Inc	51.0	53.9	+1.1	4.77

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY
31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH
01-600 4177

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Quadrant General	455.9	482.5	..	2.72
Quadrant Income	246.0	260.4●	..	5.35
Quadrant Intl Fd	413.1	437.2	..	1.59
Quadrant Recovery	284.2	300.8	..	2.32

NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU
01-280 5456

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
NC Income	91.5	97.3	..	3.85
NC Japan	196.6	209.1	..	..
NC Major UK Co	53.0	56.3●	..	2.28
NC Smaller Aus	70.8	74.7	..	1.25
NC American Inc	282.7	300.7	..	*1.16*
Do Accum	308.7	328.4	..	1.16
NC Smaller Cos	147.7	157.1	..	1.84
NC Smlr Europ Co's	200.1	212.8	..	0.36
NC Exempt Gilt	£128.0	128.0	..	8.92

ROWAN UNIT TRUST
33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS
01-638 5678

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American (4)	237.5	241.5	+16.5	1.62
Securities (2)	731.5	746.5	..	2.28
High Yield (5)	178.0	181.5	..	6.78
Merlin (3)	437.5	445.5c	..	1.32
Fixed Interest	167.0	169.0	+0.3	2.42
High Interest	114.5	115.5	+0.5	13.23
Far East (2)	244.0	247.5	..	0.05

ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS
051-227 4422

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Trust	85.4	89.2	+1.4	2.67
Intl Trust	79.5	84.1	+0.3	1.36
Gilt Trust	25.1	26.4	+0.1	8.71
US Trust	34.3	36.2	+0.1	1.76
Pacific Basin Tst	46.9	49.5	-0.2	0.46

20 Clifton St, London EC2
01-920 0311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	119.4	128.4	..	1.57
Do Accum	171.4	187.4	+3.9	1.54
High Income Trust	94.7	100.3	+1.4	4.21
Do Accum	113.4	120.1	+1.7	4.21
US Growth	59.3	62.8	+0.4	0.91
Do Accum	80.5	84.1	+0.4	0.91

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 576115

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Growth	85.5	91.6c	+1.7	0.80
Gilt Income	52.7	54.5	..	9.34
High Income	83.3	88.7●	+1.0	4.82
Income & Growth	103.0	109.6	+1.4	4.08
Japan Growth	96.4	102.6	-0.1	0.08
Special Sits	120.8	128.6	+2.3	1.18
UK Growth Tst	46.9	49.9a	+1.1	2.03

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
(Romford) 0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc & Growth	68.6	72.9	+0.6	7.06
Capital Units	108.6	115.6●	+0.6	1.17
Commodity	58.0	61.7	+0.7	0.74
European Growth	121.8	129.5	..	0.58
Financial Secs	101.3	107.7●	+0.5	1.90
High Return Units	197.0	209.5c	+2.8	4.73
High Yield Units	175.5	186.7	+2.8	4.11
Income Units	99.6	105.9c	+1.6	5.56
Investment Trust	98.9	105.2	+1.6	2.27
Japan Growth	101.8	108.2	-1.1	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	120.3	127.9	-0.8	0.00
Masterfund	31.2	33.1●	+0.2	2.74
Scotbits	138.5	147.6c	+0.9	2.57
Scotshares	160.0	170.2●	+1.6	3.94
Scotyields	166.0	176.5	+3.5	4.18
Select International	84.7	90.1	+0.8	1.09
Smaller Co's Inc	170.1	180.9	+2.0	4.00
Special Situations	102.7	109.2	+1.3	1.50
UK Equity	191.2	203.3	+3.4	2.95
US Growth	75.7	80.5	+1.0	1.26
Universal Growth	94.7	100.7	+0.5	1.09

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Acc	139.6	148.5	+1.7	1.15
Australia Acc	92.2	98.5	+0.4	1.09
European Inc	131.2	138.5	-1.6	0.90
Do Accum	136.3	143.9	-1.7	0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.9	56.6	+0.2	8.86
Gold Fund Inc	43.9	46.7	+0.3	1.82
Do Accum	46.3	49.2	+0.3	1.82
Income	188.2	200.2	+3.2	4.93
Intl Income	122.8	130.6●	+0.8	0.52
Do Accum	169.9	180.7●	+1.2	0.52
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	135.7	144.3●	+0.3	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	69.5	73.9●	+2.0	0.77
Smaller Co Inc Acc	142.3	151.3●	+1.2	1.11
Special Sits Inc	111.5	118.6	+1.0	0.72
Do Accum	116.5	123.9	+1.0	0.72
Tokyo Fund Inc	241.3	256.6	+0.1	0.00
Do Accum	243.8	259.1	+0.1	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	53.9	57.3	+1.7	0.00
UK Equity Inc	109.1	116.0●	+1.9	2.75
Do Accum	170.7	181.5●	+3.0	2.75
Far East Gth Accum	65.1	69.2	+0.3	0.50
Extra Inc	65.2	69.3	+0.5	7.20

SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT
33-35 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX
01-623 5776/8711

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity Inc	26.9	28.3	+0.5	5.12
Do Acc	27.2	28.8	+0.2	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.3	31.2	..	0.20
Do Acc	29.3	31.2	..	..
Global Gth Inc	30.5	32.5	+0.3	0.87
Do Acc	30.5	32.5	+0.2	..
Managed Exempt	125.5	130.8	..	2.25
Pacific Basin	24.4	26.0	+0.3	..

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE
28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031-556 9101

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Income Units	154.2	164.0	..	2.48
Do Accum	232.5	247.3	..	2.48

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	192.7	206.2	+4.3	1.70
American	154.5	165.3	+2.2	1.25
Pacific	205.7	220.1	+1.2	0.05
European	268.1	286.8	+0.4	0.51

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041-248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	176.0	187.3	..	2.59
Gilt & Fixed	114.7	127.4	..	7.99
UK Smlr Co's Eq	157.7	167.8	..	2.28
European	223.0	237.3	..	0.83
N American	121.3	129.1	..	1.32
Pacific	200.8	213.7	..	0.32

SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 4372

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Pacific	72.4	78.9	-0.1	0.00
World Growth	40.5	43.0	+0.2	0.73
N American	34.1	38.2	+0.5	0.00
Income Fund	48.1	51.1	+0.7	4.67
European	47.1	50.0	-0.1	0.77
N Amer Inc	27.8	29.6	+0.5	1.79
UK Growth	33.0	35.1	+0.8	2.25
Extra Inc	34.0	36.1●	+0.4	5.12

SCOTTISH WIDOWS
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031-655 6000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Peg Eq Inc	245.3	261.0	+4.6	2.72
Do Accum	286.5	304.9	+5.4	2.72

SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT
30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY
01-638 6011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tech & Gen	112.9	120.3	+6.1	0.54
Pacific	219.0	233.4	+0.8	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	181.7	193.7c	+3.5	4.54
Special Situations	236.8	252.5	+2.0	1.49
Intl Growth	45.0	47.9●	..	0.18
American Majors	73.8	78.5	+1.4	1.26
Small Co's	43.6	46.4	+0.5	1.87
Japan Tech & Gen	108.5	115.6	-2.7	0.00
International Income	59.7	63.7a	+0.3	6.88
Exempt	588.1	627.4●	+2.4	2.25
UK General	35.7	38.1●	+0.1	3.63
Euro Growth	39.8	42.5	-0.2	0.32
Euro Income	51.0	54.4●	-0.2	4.00

STANDARD LIFE
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
031 225 2552

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Units	25.8	27.5	..	2.49
Do Accum Units	29.0	30.9	..	2.49

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	227.1	241.8	+3.0	1.29
Do Accum	256.7	273.4	+3.4	1.29
Do Withdrawal	158.0	168.2	+2.1	1.29
Australian Fund	143.9	153.3	+0.7	0.81
Do Accum	146.3	155.8	+0.6	0.81
British Fund	624.6	665.3	+2.1	4.27
Do Accum	856.5	912.2	+2.9	4.27
European Fund	337.6	359.6	-0.9	0.45
Do Accum	356.2	379.4	-1.0	0.45
Japan Fund	65.9	70.2	-0.7	0.21
Do Accum	66.2	70.6	-0.6	0.21
Saints PPP	183.4	192.6	..	..

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex
0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Trust Acc	417.5	441.9●	+9.1	2.57
N Am Trust Acc	62.2	66.1●	+0.9	1.40
Far East Trust Acc	93.2	99.1●	-0.7	0.00
Worldwide Bond	52.4	55.7	+0.3	6.63
European	56.3	59.8	-0.1	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	51.9	55.1	+0.7	4.99

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH
Dealing no:01-930 2602

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	26.5	28.1	+0.7	4.41
Do Growth	25.8	27.4	+0.8	2.80

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE
0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Inc	117.8	125.3	..	1.60
Do Accum	123.8	131.7	..	1.60
Extra Income Inc	121.6	129.5	..	5.16
Do Accum	146.0	155.3	..	5.16
General Unit Inc	165.3	175.8c	..	2.86
Do Accum	272.2	289.5c	..	2.86
Gilt & Fixed Inc	47.7	49.5	..	9.02
Do Accum	64.2	66.8	..	9.02
Income	225.7	240.1	..	4.38
Accum	359.0	380.8	..	4.38
Pacific Inc	188.7	200.7	..	0.55
Do Accum	194.9	207.3	..	0.55
Intl Inc	345.6	367.6	..	1.06
Do Accum	429.8	457.2	..	1.06
Selected Opps Inc	69.0	73.4	..	1.77
Do Accum	76.4	81.2	..	1.77
Natural Res	57.8	61.4	..	1.75
Do Accum	59.8	63.6	..	1.75

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks
(0296) 394000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eagle	75.8	80.4	+0.7	0.09
Australian	24.5	26.0c	..	0.10
Commodity	87.3	92.8	+0.7	0.97
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	134.3	142.7	+2.1	3.44
European Spec Sits	121.5	128.6	-0.8	0.63
Extra Income	119.5	126.8	+0.1	5.62
Financial	289.3	308.9	+4.1	1.71
Gilt Income	98.2	102.8	+0.3	8.43
Gold Income	76.1	80.6	+0.3	0.82
Do Accum	139.5	148.2	+0.5	0.82
Income	92.1	97.9	+1.3	4.09
Japan	102.4	109.4	-1.5	0.10
Malay & Singapore	24.9	26.6	..	0.92
Pacific Inc	113.3	120.6	-0.8	0.88
Do Reinvest	139.7	148.3	-1.0	0.88
Pref Share Fd	17.2	18.3	..	9.97
UK Capital	75.2	80.0	+0.7	1.27
Special Sits	96.3	102.5	+2.9	0.81
Technology	47.7	50.8c	+1.2	0.16
World Income	63.5	67.5	+0.1	4.21
Worldwide Capital	153.2	162.7	+1.9	1.10
Equity Ex (3)	91.6	97.1	..	1.90
Do Accum (3)	173.2	183.9	..	1.90

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ
01-374 4595

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East & Gen	68.7	73.0	-0.6	0.69
Japan & Gen	52.8	56.0	-0.4	0.82
Nth Amer & Gen	50.2	53.3●	+0.3	0.95
Oriental Inc				
Do Accum	25.6	27.2	-0.1	2.77
Pacific Tech	55.0	58.5	+0.1	0.87
Tiger	75.9	80.7	-0.2	0.53
UK & Gen	44.0	46.8●	+0.9	2.14

3I UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01 928-3366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smaller Co's	64.9	69.0	+0.4	0.00

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT
01-248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Growth	41.7	44.4	+0.5	0.50
General Growth	54.9	58.4	+1.5	1.76
Global Tech	50.6	53.8	+0.6	0.10
Income Growth	54.6	58.7	+1.4	4.81
Income Monthly	49.4	52.6	+0.6	6.26
Japan Growth	50.4	53.6	-0.2	0.12
Man Equity Inc	26.3	27.8	+0.6	2.36
Do Accum	26.3	27.8	+0.6	2.36
O'seas Growth	53.0	56.4	+0.1	0.76
Smaller Cos	67.5	71.8	+0.4	2.42
Special Opps	80.2	85.3	+0.3	2.11

TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	68.7	73.5	-0.1	0.09
Capital	343.8	364.2●	+8.2	2.56
Europe Growth Acc	120.2	128.0	-0.3	0.84
Exempt	315.9	334.6	+4.8	5.21
Far Eastern	195.5	209.1	-1.8	0.17
Fin & Prop	61.6	65.0	+0.6	2.86
Gilt Capital	115.1	117.8	..	0.00
Gilt Income	87.1	89.7	..	0.00
High Yield	58.8	62.1	+0.3	5.70
Income	258.8	271.0	+4.4	4.65
Intl Earnings	171.5	181.7	+3.3	2.62
Intl Growth Inc	85.8	91.2	+0.7	0.70
Japan Growth Acc	806.7	864.6	+13.6	4.65
Nat Resources Inc	204.4	217.7	-1.1	1.75
Nth Amer Gth Inc	117.3	125.7●	+1.0	0.83
Preference Inc	112.8	119.5	-0.1	10.81
Small Co's Div Inc	62.9	66.6●	+0.3	5.49
Small Co's Inc	212.8	225.4	+1.0	1.66
Special Sits Inc	112.6	119.3	+0.5	1.79

UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS
UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH
0722 336242

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	129.6	137.2●	+8.5	2.35

VANGUARD TRUST
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU
General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Inc	196.0	207.4	+2.4	2.00
Do Accum	287.5	305.8	+3.5	2.00
High Yield	218.3	232.2	+3.2	4.57
Do Accum	223.2	337.4	+3.3	4.57
Special Sits	42.9	45.6●	+0.6	2.08
Do Accum	43.6	46.2●	+0.7	2.08
Trustee	144.4	153.6	+2.5	3.65
Do Accum	223.8	238.0	+3.8	3.65
Amer & Gen	64.6	68.8	+1.2	1.61
Do Accum	64.9	69.1	+1.3	1.61
Master Portfolio	£64.90	68.57c	+0.36	2.40
Do Accum	£65.67	67.36	+0.58	2.40
Abing Rdin Asts (6)	130.0	138.4	+2.5	2.09
Do Accum	130.9	139.3	+2.5	2.09
Far East & Gen Inc	57.9	61.7	-0.5	0.00
Do Accum	57.9	61.7	-0.6	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.1	53.4	-0.1	0.77
Do Acc	50.1	53.4	-0.1	0.77

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2
01-929 1532

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	69.2	74.0	+1.0	1.60
Far East & Gen	128.2	130.4	-0.2	0.50
Intl Growth	80.0	84.7	+0.8	0.80
Income Trust	90.8	97.2	+1.1	5.20
Japan Growth	134.9	144.3	-1.7	0.10
Small Companies	117.5	125.7	+0.5	2.00
Technology	40.7	43.6	+0.1	0.10
Australia	52.3	56.0●	-0.2	1.80
UK Trust	146.0	154.6	+2.2	2.80
European Growth	61.5	65.2	-0.1	0.20
Hong Kong	33.7	35.7	+0.2	1.60

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT
13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh
031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian Gold	31.3	33.2	-0.1	0.15
Pacific Basin	23.9	25.4	-0.2	1.70
Canadian Bal Gth	55.2	58.7	+0.5	0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	$104.1	108.5	+0.2	8.10

WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS
145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU
1-628 6011

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	69.4	70.5	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	$52.0	52.2	+0.1	..
Challenger	50.0	50.4	+0.1	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	59.7	64.0	+0.4	7.28
Income	58.8	62.6	+0.5	4.68
Growth	58.1	62.9	+0.4	1.94

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15½	8½	A & M Gp	14½	15½	..	0.6e	4.0	21.4
65	50	ATA Selection	50	54	-2	2.1	4.0	13.9
140	125	Abbeycrest	137	140	..	3.6	2.6	19.8
53	45	Aberdeen Stk Hse	43	46	-2	1.7e	3.7	12.8
83	45	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.6	..	..
52	36	Acorn Comp	49	51	+3	..	..	3.5
19	14	Acsis Jewellery	18	29	+1	..	..	10.2
20	15	Adam Leisure	14	16	..	..	..	1.9
106	90	Airsprung	103	108	● +3	8.1	7.6	..
301	121	Anglia Secure Hms	298	301	+3	2.3	0.8	35.9
114	105	Antler	110	114	-1	..	..	..
153	148	Appletree	147	152	..	2.9	1.9	14.4
368	339	App Holographics	360	362	..	..	..	..
320	283	Do Wnts	305	315	..	..	..	..
153	150	Ashtead	148	153	..	..	..	..
321	42	Aspen Comms	313	318	-2	4.4	1.4	32.9
114	102	Actwell	113	115	+1	8.6	7.5	14.1
585	27	Asprey	550	580	● ..	14.3	2.5	18.2
33	30	Asstec Energy	30	32	+1	..	..	7.7
175	167	ASD	165	175	..	11.4	6.7	7.3
157	138	Atlas Equipment	148	153	..	7.0	4.6	13.7
95	70	Automagic	88	93	..	8.6	9.5	16.0
71	64	BBB Design	69	72	+1	1.4	2.0	17.0
47½	43	BCE	45½	47	-1	..	..	..
208	198	BPP	195	205	..	7.1	3.6	18.3
79	71	BTS Grp	69	72	-2	5.7	8.0	8.4
120	96	Bedford (William)	98	103	-2	6.4	6.3	9.4
25½	22	*Bennett & Fountain*	24	25	..	0.7	2.9	30.8
56	46	Bensons Crisps	54	58	+2	..	..	15.7
18½	14	Berkeley & Hay	18	18½	+¼	..	..	31.5
65	47	Berkeley Exp	62	64	..	..	..	8.8
123	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	120	123	..	6.0	4.9	14.2
143	138	Bertram&Battersea	135	140	-3	..	..	..
20½	14	Bio Isolates	18	20	..	..	..	..
32	23	Bioreactives	22	24	-1	..	..	..
41½	38½	Boot	38½	39½	+½	1.8	4.6	9.8
120	105	Blanchards	115	119	● -1	6.4	5.5	12.7
158	138	Blenheim Exhib	150	155	..	3.0	2.0	23.5
298	253	Bluebird Toys	295	300	+5	5.0	1.7	23.1
51	37	Border TV	47	49	+2	..	..	..
152	132	Borland	132	135	● +1	..	..	..
21	19	Brewmaker	19	21	-1	1.1	5.5	10.6
105	70	Brikat	102	107	● +2	6.0	5.7	8.5
190	150	Br Bloodstock	153	163	-4	12.8	8.0	7.5
57	46	Br Island	50	54	+1	4.0	7.7	8.5
59	42	Broad St	41	43	-1	1.6	3.8	..
345	290	Brockmount	330	345	●	5.0	1.5	18.4
200	160	Brown (Charlie)	197	202	+1	4.3	2.2	22.9
238	217	Bryant (Derek)	225	230	+3	11.6b	5.1	8.1
3½	2½	Buts Resources	2½	3¼	-¼	..	..	..
90	73	CCA Galleries	70	75	-3	3.4	4.7	10.8
170	140	CML Micro	155	160	-2	2.6	1.6	18.2
48	28½	CPU Comp	46	47	+1½	..	..	27.8
165	142	CVD	145	165	● ..	..	..	..
150	125	Caledonian Off	135	145	..	..	..	..
65	65	Camotech	63	66	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
205	170	Cannon Street Inv	195	198	+1	3.6	1.8	29.3
72	66	Cap & Regional	68	71	-1	..	..	..
156	126	Cheapside Secs	159	155	● +7	4.7	3.1	17.0
200	145	Checkpoint Europe	160	170	+5	..	..	14.5
161	130	Chelsea Man	150	155	● +5	2.3	1.5	25.1
14½	7½	Chem Methods	12	13½	-1	3.0	23.1	..
275	231	Cheshire W	270	275	● -2	5.2	1.9	20.1
29	10	Citer	21	22½	-6½	.. ●	..	73.3
106	88	Citygrove	95	100	..	3.6	3.7	14.9
51	37	Citywision	49½	52½	+1	..	..	..
9½	680	Citywision 7%	9½	10	+1	..	..	..
98	78	Cityspect	95	100	+2	1.8	1.8	11.3
156	140	Clarke Hooper	137	142	..	3.3	2.4	16.9
33	25½	Clogau Gold	28½	30	-½	..	..	..
62	45	Croft Oil Hldgs	59	62	+1	..	..	..
130	100	Cotton Electrodes	112	117	● ..	5.6	4.8	13.4
62	54	Cobra Emerald	50	58	-6	..	..	..
178	133	Colnoe	170	175	-2	3.9	2.3	18.9
133	21	Collyrgen Inc	28	31	..	..	..	..
163	152	Como Financial	159	165	..	3.3	2.0	30.0
50	37	Compsoft	34	39	-3	..	..	6.2
172	128	Consultants	166	172	..	1.8	1.1	32.1
46	38	Cons Tern Invs	38	42	-2	7.1e	17.8	28.6
185	145	Corp Microwave	180	190	+10	3.2	1.7	21.7
115	98	Cowells	102	107	+5	3.7	3.5	14.6
100	96	CPM	93	98	..	0.6	0.6	14.2
430	408	Crampton	410	425	..	8.8	2.1	19.2
58	51	Cranbrook	53	58	..	0.7e	1.3	14.8
107	88	Cranswick	85	90	● -1	6.4	7.3	7.6
109	83	Craton Lodge	82	87	●	3.1	3.6	13.4
198	153	Creighton Labs	172	182	● ..	5.3	3.0	21.6
82	68	Crown TV Prods	72	75	+2	..	..	..
157	133	Crusts	138	143	.	1.5	1.1	15.7
58	43	DBE Tech	42	47	..	.. ●	..	41.7
106	83	DJ Sec Alarms	90	95	-2	2.1	2.3	7.6
76	51	Datron	50	55	● ..	1.4	2.6	9.3
202	191	*Davies (DY)*	193	198	..	4.9	2.5	21.9
80	70	Dean & Bowes	70	73	..	2.9	4.0	17.6
25	24	De Brett (Andre)	24	25	.	0.4	1.8	12.3
177	30	Dekker	172	177	..	5.7	3.3	..
57	40	Delscar	48	50	+1	2.9	5.9	9.7
118	111	Dencora	112	117	..	2.9	2.5	15.9
92	85	Delmarts Elec	80	90	..	5.4	6.4	6.4
75	66	Dewey Warren	66	70	..	10.7e	15.7	4.8
285	278	Dwlens	273	283	-5	4.3	1.5	15.2
483	458	Druck	470	485	..	6.1	1.3	22.8
25½	17	Dunton	23	24	-½	0.6	2.8	27.3
65	45	Eadie	51	54	+6	2.5	4.7	16.4
134	124	Ealing Elect Optics	125	130	..	3.1	2.4	22.2
27	20	Ecobric	19	20½	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
282	263	Eden Ford	260	265	..	9.3	3.5	15.7
35	28	Edor Oil & Gas	34	36	..	.. ●	..	87.5
431	387	Ethnige Pope 'A'	408	412	-2	10.0	2.4	16.5
150	116	Electron House	145	150	● +10	4.9	3.3	18.4
110	82	Electronic Data P	98	102	+2	2.5	2.5	11.6
45	25	Endigo	41	43	+1	..	..	..
19	8	Entertainment Prod	11	13	-1	..	..	5.4
265	155	Eurosu	245	265	..	7.7	3.1	20.9
115	110	Eve Construction	108	113	-1	6.4	5.8	12.5
400	170	FII	380	390	+5	..	..	..
380	193	FKB Gp	235	240	..	3.6	1.5	26.5
161	138	F & N Group	138	143	+1	..	..	..
90	51	Feedback	65	70	●	1.8	2.6	84.5
73½	17	Fergebrook	20½	22	.. ●	..	..	1.0
137	93	Fields (Wm)	135	138	-1	..	..	..
73	51	Fletcher Dennys	58	63	+3	3.6	5.9	14.2
65	31	Flextech	44	48	+2	..	..	8.1
310	120	Flogas	276	280	+2	25.6	92.1	..
58	30	Floyd Oil	46	50	..	..	..	18.7
88	80	Ford & Weston	78	81	-2	4.3	5.4	9.8
240	130	French Conn	170	180	● -3	7.5	4.3	11.4
136	69	Freshbake	121	124	f ..	2.9	2.4	21.1
670	323	Fuller Smith 'A'	337	347	● ..	6.3	1.8	17.8
160	103	Gaskecs	127	132	..	4.3	3.3	15.3
135	78	Gee (Cecil)	80	84	..	3.7	4.5	..
47	35	Gee/Rosen	43	48	● ..	2.4	5.3	13.6
101	73	Gibbon Lyons	98	103	● +8	5.2	5.1	17.4
249	130	Gibbs Mew	215	225	..	5.7	2.6	24.1
160	11	Gilbert House	80	85	..	..	..	..
54	32	Global Gp	48	49	..	3.9	8.1	7.6
186	67	Godwin Warren	116	117	-4½	3.1	2.7	16.6
155	110	Goodhead Print	148	153	+1	4.3	2.8	16.9
142	95	Gould (Laurence)	135	145	..	5.3	3.8	11.3
91	58	Granyte Surface	65	70	..	3.0	4.4	11.9
175	155	Great Southern	172	177	+7	7.4	4.2	15.0
175	118	Green (Ernest)	158	168	-2	4.9	3.0	15.6
41	20	Greenwich Cable	34	37	+1	..	..	..
150	81½	Grosvenor Sq	145	155	+5	8.6	5.7	12.0
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195	..	3.5	1.8	55.9
109	60	Halls Homes & Gdns	107	110	+3	4.0	3.7	12.0
98	78	Hampden Homecare	87½	92½	+4	2.1	2.3	14.5
29	26	Harmony Leisure	27	29	..	..	..	..
320	143	Harvey & Thomp	290	300	-5	8.6	2.9	19.4
265	210	Havelock Europa	250	253	● +1	7.0	2.8	23.6
48	29	Health Care	45	47	-1	1.1	2.4	18.3
462	420	Heavitree	455	465	-2	12.3	2.7	18.0
410	365	Do 'A' LV	400	410	-5	12.3	3.0	15.9
150	143½	Henderson Prims	145	155	..	..	..	..
390	150	High-Point	177	187	+2	2.5	1.4	22.5
140	45	Highland Part	65	68	..	..	..	..
91	68	Hile Ergonom	65	70	● -5	2.0	2.9	10.9
50	9	Hobson	48	49½	-½	..	..	..
183	105	Hodgson	181	184	..	3.0	1.6	30.5
198	110	Hoften Hydrocran	180	190	● ..	4.6	2.5	23.7
140	110	Holmes Protection	124	127	● ..	..	..	..
121	100	Hornby	100	105	..	4.6	4.5	11.7
35	22	Hughes Food	31	32	..	0.7	2.2	22.7
18	6½	Humersd Elec	13	14½	-1	..	..	14.0
189	133	Hunter Saphir	180	185	+3	3.9	2.1	23.9
255	155	Huntleigh Tech	159	160	● .	2.1	1.4	18.7
220	150	INSTEM	145	155	..	3.6	2.4	12.9
25	11	Initec	18	21	..	..	..	2.5
91	44	Ind Scot Energy	85	90	+3	..	..	10.6
103	68	Infrared	70	75	..	..	..	..
285	190	Intereurope Tech	245	260	+5	8.3	3.3	12.7
263	304	Interlink Express	250	260	+15	..	..	..
32	19½	Israel (Jack L)	19	20	..	0.7b	3.6	15.1
465	236½	JS Pathology	440	450	● +10	4.0	0.9	40.8
206	133	James Vert	203	208	+3	7.9	3.8	18.2
18	5	Jetsers	8	10	+1	.. ●	..	0.3
148	103	Johnson & Jorg	116	119	● .	8.0	5.1	13.4
175	156	Johnson Fry	155	160	-3	7.5	4.7	13.9
123	75	Johnstones Paints	120	125	.	6.1b	5.0	13.7
78	48	Just Rubber	72	75	-2	2.8	3.5	12.3
330	250	KLP	255	263	-1	4.7	1.8	14.6
92	69	*Kent (John)*	77	80	-1	2.1	2.7	13.3
347	220	Kenyon Secs	342	352	+2	14.9	4.3	18.8
83	53	Kewill Systems	62	67	..	1.7	2.6	8.6
88	50	Klark-Teknik	80	83	..	1.6	2.6	15.8
113	73	LPA Ind	92	97	..	3.9	4.1	9.4
85	48½	Ladlaw	80	85	-2	4.1	4.9	10.3
125	93	Laidlaw Thomson	105	110	● +2	5.6	5.2	12.0
123	91	Lewmar	105	108	● -1	3.8	3.4	13.2
315	7¼	Local Lon Gp	310	320	● .	5.0	1.6	35.4
123	73	Lodge Care	113	118	-2	2.9	2.5	24.2
140	110	Lon & Clydesde	122	127	+2	8.0	6.4	11.3
198	144	Lorlin Elect	185	195	+14	3.6b	1.9	16.7
46	17	Lysander Pet	27	30	..	..	..	..
113	77	MS Cash & Carry	105	110	-2	5.1	4.7	..
147	145	MIL Research	144	147	+1	4.3	2.9	14.2
327	205	MMT Comp	312	322	● +7	7.1	2.2	14.2
160	101	McLaughlin & Har	115	125	..	10.0	8.3	6.9
92	45	Magnetic Materials	68	70	+2	2.7	4.0	9.5
130	54	Mainmet	127	132	● +2	1.4	1.1	40.8
95	71	Manna Dev	77	82	..	..	..	..
176	143	Martin (Ronald)	152	157	..	4.7	3.0	20.9
35	9	Maxiprint	23	26	-1	..	..	..
108	100	Mayborn	103	108	..	4.6	4.3	11.0
124	103	Mayfair City	115	120	..	4.3	3.6	25.0
198	14	Media Tech	103	108	● -2	4.0	3.8	8.1
98	68	Mellerware	67	70	● .	4.4	6.4	16.2
34	11	Memory Comp	18	20	-1	23.2	..	3.1
60	8	Memcom Intl Hldgs	16	20	-2	..	..	1.2
181	135	Mercer-Swan	170	174	+2	3.6	2.1	18.3
427	311	Merrydown Wine	385	390	● -2	7.8	2.0	23.6
125	95	Metal Bulletin	115	120	..	6.3	5.3	16.8
102	74	Metsec	78	80	..	3.7	4.7	11.4
95	60	Michael (John)	67	72	● .	1.9	2.7	17.0
168	95	Microlease	138	143	+3	5.7	4.0	11.5
47	29	Microvitec	37	38	-½	1.8	4.8	16.4
450	449	Midsummer Leisure	446	455	● .	5.7	1.3	..
185	162	Miller & Santhouse	177½	182½	+2	3.2	1.8	33.8
193	158	Millward Brown	155	160	● .	3.2	2.0	34.4
220	154	Miss World	170	180	-5	7.9	4.5	9.2
35	13	Mnemos	..	..	..	..	..	..
239	98	Moorgate Gp	100	105	..	2.0	1.9	19.1
130	102	Mortis & Crane	104	108	● ..	3.9	3.7	13.3
158	118	Monotype	143	148	+3	6.3	4.3	..
57	40	Morley (RK)	53	58	+1	2.5e	4.5	15.3
23½	15	Morris (William)	16½	17½	-½	..	..	6.8
215	63	Moss Advertising	85	90	.	2.9	3.3	21.6
192	125	Mosteller	180	187	● ..	4.3	2.3	15.5
367	273	MMW Comp	210	215	● -2	8.6	4.0	17.6
19	6½	New Ct Nat Res	6½	7¼	.	..	..	1.6
5½	0½	Do Wnts	3	4	..	..	..	..
29	17	New England Props	24	27	+2	..	..	12.5
80	70	Do 10%	75	85	+5	0	12.5	..
75	68	Newage Trans	68	71	..	5.0	7.1	7.9
21	8	Nimslo	8	10	+1	..	..	..
150	102	Norank	120	125	..	4.3	3.5	16.0
155	43	Norbain	60	65	-2	1.0	1.6	6.8
181	79	Norscot Hotels	174	179	-1	3.5	2.0	18.4
31	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24	-1	..	..	4.5
86	88	Northampton Fine	84	87	..	..	..	..
70	35	Oilfield Inspec	25	30	..	2.9e	10.4	4.2
32	18	Optometrics	15	39	-3	..	..	..
310	198	Osborne & Little	295	300	● -2	4.7	1.6	28.5
45½	29½	Owners Abroad	45	48	+½	2.1	4.6	12.9
143	85	PCT	120	130	+8	4.6	3.7	14.3
255	160	Pacer Systems	160	170	-3	..	..	..
65	44	Pacific Sales	43	47	..	4.3	9.5	10.8
251	116	Pantherella	123	128	+3	5.3	4.2	11.5
219	168	Parkfield Gp	213	215	+4	..	..	..
62	10	Paul M Lois	58	62	+3	.. ●	..	26.4
44	17	Pavion	28	29	-1½	.. ●	..	5.1
186	106	Peps Group	160	165	..	4.7	2.6	17.6
168	110	Pentom	147	152	..	3.6	2.4	10.6
43	26	Perkins LD	37	42	..	1.7	4.3	9.7
133	101	Personal Computer	130	135	..	4.3	3.2	13.6
200	128	Peters (Michael)	135	140	..	3.7	2.7	23.4
32	11	Petrogen	19	22	..	..	..	..
35	25½	Piccadilly Radio	34	35	..	2.9	8.3	10.9
65	24	Pet Pet	34	37	..	..	..	4.9
78	55	Pineapple	70	74	-2	..	..	..
72	26	Plasmec	68	71	-2	1.0	1.4	8.7
201	125	Platon	167	172	-1	4.5	2.6	12.3
119	113	Plum Hldgs	117	122	+4	..	..	..
213	65	Polytech Manos	103	108	+1	..	..	..
130	75	Powerline	100	105	● +2	2.9	2.8	13.8
140	68	Promapore	78	83	-2	3.6	4.4	9.3
130	128	Quarto	128	130	..	..	..	..
308	183	Quesral	205	210	-2	6.3	3.0	14.0
103	90	Radamec	100	105	..	..	..	..
44	26	Radio City 'A'	42	45	..	..	..	8.6
53	35	Radio Clyde	53	58	● ..	5.0	8.9	9.8
123	88	Radius	107	112	+2	1.4	1.3	16.5
40	12	Raine Oil	18½	21½	..	.. ●	..	4.9
115	86	Ramus	108	113	..	7.7	6.9	9.5
86	38	Randsworth	77	82	-1	0.4	0.5	..
78	40	Real Time Control	60	65	..	2.9	4.6	18.2
30	14	Reliant Motor	21	23	-1	..	..	18.8
130	83	Renis	122	123	-½	0.1	0.1	..
95	55	Rockwood	60	65	..	..	..	..
119	63	Rotte & Nolan	117	120	● +6	2.9	2.4	31.3
101	83	Rotunda	97	102	..	4.3	4.3	12.1
127	101	Ryman	125	128	+4	..	..	.
153	79	SAC	150	152	● +1	2.9	1.9	18.5
135	63	Sangers Photo	82	86	-1	3.2	3.8	24.3
35	10	Sapphire Pet	21	24	-1	..	..	3.1
140	104	Savage	136	142	+4	4.3	3.1	17.6
178	95	Scantro	97	101	-1	5.7	5.8	8.1
195	133	Scot Heritable	160	163	+1	5.4	3.3	14.1
145	83	Securiguard	142½	147½	+2	3.9	2.7	28.8
26	10	SelecTV	14	14½	-¼	..	..	..
355	220	State Drug Strs	220	240	● .	3.4	1.5	20.2
98	88½	Sheldon Jones	82	87	+2	6.6	7.8	9.8
280	180	Sherwood Comp	252	260	..	4.6	1.8	30.7
198	145	Shiels	190	190	+3	2.9	1.6	30.8
84	50	Sigmex	57	62	..	0.8	1.3	21.1
173	110	Sims Catering	115	120	● ..	5.7	5.0	14.1
225	160	Sinclair (William)	205	215	s ..	7.3	3.5	17.6
236	158	Smallbone	190	195	..	5.1	2.6	18.0
182	100	Snowdon Bridge	175	182	..	1.4b	0.8	21.8
43	33	Soundtracks	39	42	..	1.7	4.1	12.2
178	130	Stan Bus	177	179	+2	4.3	2.4	10.3
21	11	*SW Resources*	12	14	-1	..	..	5.2
108	85	Space Planning	95	100	-2	2.6	2.7	18.7
252	230	Spandex	242	247	+3	..	..	..
95	50	Spectra Auto	89	93	●	3.7	4.1	14.3
35	18	Spectrum	19	22	-1	.. ●	..	2.3
105	83	Spice	98	103	●	4.0	4.0	8.3
71	55	Splash	53	58	-2	4.7	8.4	9.2
220	129	Stainless Metal	195	200	.	6.0	3.0	28.3
108	75	Startrite Pub	84	87	+1	2.9b	3.4	19.2
38½	21½	Stenlegh Elect	31	33	+1	0.2	0.6	65.3
93	58	Sutherland (ET)	65	70	.	4.8	7.1	21.5
125	100	Swindon Pr Hosp	100	140	+10	..	..	36.6
265	175	Synapse Comp	250	230	-5	3.1	1.2	21.3
250	183	T & S Stores	245	255	..	4.6	1.8	28.7
183	116	TDS Circuits	113	118	-2	2.9e	2.5	5.0
132	111	TMD Advert	114	117	● +1	2.9	2.5	15.3
173	90	TSB Chan Hldgs	109	111	..	..	..	..
120	104	Task Force	104	109	.	2.5	2.4	15.6
245	76	Tay Homes	230	235	+8	7.5	3.2	10.6
143	75	Tech For Bus	73	83	.	7.7	9.9	7.8
365	194	Tech Comp	268	278	-2	4.6	1.7	36.8
265	115	Telecomputing	158	168	.	2.1	1.3	15.6
163	58	Tel Serv Int	76	78	● +5	3.1	4.0	24.8
147	34	Thermax	144	147	+3	7.1	4.9	15.8
345	211	Therm Scientific	222	227	●	3.9	1.7	28.3
223	66	Thorpac	200	210	● -3	3.5	1.8	30.6
58	42	Tinsley (Eliza)	43	46	● +1	4.1	9.1	8.7
155	118	Tod (W&J)	152	157	+5	4.7	3.0	11.2
50	28	Towngrade Sec	32	37	.	..	..	55.6
199	137	Trade Promotion	192	197	+2	6.2	3.2	18.3
500	300	Trencherwood	480	495	+5	7.8	1.6	23.3
173	80	Triker	86	90	+2	1.8	1.8	18.7
260	200	Tyne Tees 'A'	253	257	.	19.5	7.6	6.5
123	59	Utd Ceramic	105	115	+2	5.4	4.9	18.5
585	433	Utd Friendly	560	570	+5	26.0	4.6	..
132	83	Utd Packaging	108	113	-2	4.6	4.1	8.4
538	330	Utd Tst Credit	477	487	● +7	20.0	4.1	..
121	61	Usher (Frank)	113	114	● ..	6.4	5.7	13.4
98	35	Venezlar	59	63	● ..	1.8	3.0	25.4
100	53	Wayne Kerr	65	67	.	2.3	3.5	7.4
110	93	Webber Electro	105	110	● ..	3.3	3.1	13.2
21	14	Welcat	19½	20½	-1	0.4	2.0	13.7
39	73	West Yorkshire	92	98	+2	5.7	5.9	12.0
170	154	Whitney Mackay	163	168	..	5.7	3.4	13.7
191	151	Wickes	185	190	● .	3.6	1.9	22.9
12½	7½	Willams Syst	10	10½	-¼	..	..	46.6
23½	17½	Wilson (Ceal) Mtgs	19	21	..	1.3	6.7	15.7
490	98	Wingate	325	335	..	2.7	0.8	57.5
78	24	Wold	40	45	.	1.1	2.6	38.4
86	72	Wolstens Better	80	85	.	..	..	..
398	157	Worcester	370	380	● -1	7.9	2.9	38.8
211	143	Wld of Leather	142	147	.	3.6	2.5	15.8
38	63	Wyko	63	65	.	3.7	5.8	9.7
4	4	Xylyt	.	.	.	.	.	.
158	130	Yellowhammer	142	147	● +2	2.3	1.6	21.2
53	29	Yelverton	29	32	.	.	.	.
170	37	York Mount	60	65	● +3	2.4	3.8	29.2
62	52	Young Tst Gp	52	55	.	.	.	..
100	100	Do 8%	100	.	.	8.00	8.6	.
61	18	Zygal Dynamics	55	57	+2	0.7	1.3	7.5

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
2	Rea Bros Gp	Banks,Discount	
3	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
4	Greene King	Breweries	
5	Murray Elect	Electricals	
6	CASE	Electricals	
7	Provident	Banks,Discount	
8	Britannia Security	Electricals	
9	Freemans	Drapery,Stores	
10	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
11	UEI	Electricals	
12	*Irish Distl*	Breweries	
13	Countryside	Building,Roads	
14	Erith	Building,Roads	
15	Federated Hsg	Building,Roads	
16	Micro Focus	Electricals	
17	Travis & Arnold	Building,Roads	
18	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
19	Halma	Industrials E-K	
20	Vaux	Breweries	
21	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
22	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
23	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
24	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
25	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
26	APV	Industrials A-D	
27	AIM	Industrials A-D	
28	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
29	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
30	Guthrie	Industrials E-K	
31	Chamberlain Ph	Industrials A-D	
32	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
33	Westwood Dawes	Industrials S-Z	
34	Rugby Cement	Building,Roads	
35	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
36	Davis & Newman	Industrials A-D	
37	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
38	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
39	VG Instruments	Electricals	
40	Britannic	Insurance	
41	Bryant	Building,Roads	
42	Watshams	Industrials S-Z	
43	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
44	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
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MINING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
556	387	De Beers	540	545	+5	18.0	3.3	..
249	105	Deelkraal	203	223	+12	4.0	1.9	..
8¾	4¼	Doornfontein	7¾	7⅞	+⅛	92.0	12.1	..
12½	7	Driefontein	10⅝	11⅛	..	125	11.6	..
9	2½	Durban	7⅞	8⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
332	170	E Daggas	257	277	+5	..	..	..
656	258	Elandsrand	650	670	-4	12.0	1.8	..
273	210	El Oro	210	215	● ..	6.6	3.1	14.8
225	85	Elsburg	175	185	+8	14.0	7.8	..
395	200	E Rand Gold	305	325	+8	28.0	8.9	..
5⅛	2⅛	E Rand Prop	4⅛	4⅝	..	..	..	..
9⅝	4⅝	FS Cons	7⅞	8⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
210	93	FS Dev	135	155	..	..	..	..
60	15	Geevor Tin	25	35	..	..	..	1.2
13½	6	Gen Mining	8½	9⅛	+⅛	87.0	9.8	..
13⅞	5⅛	GFSA	8⅝	9½	..	46.0	5.0	..
758	313	GM Kalgoorli	725	740	-5	..	..	..
60	35	Gopeng	45	55	..	20.0	40.0	..
157	85	Greenwich Res	165	189	+8	..	..	..
333	165	Grootvlei	247	267	+12	54.0	21.0	..
9¼	4¼	Harmony	7½	8	..	62.8	8.1	..
408	175	Hartes	346	376	+10	17.0	4.7	..
10⅛	5⅝	Kinross	8⅞	9⅝	+⅛	89.0	9.8	..
6⅛	2⅝	Kloof	5⅛	5½	a ..	40.0	7.4	..
120	85	Leslie	88	98	.	29.0	31.2	..
12⅝	6¼	Libanon	11⅝	12⅛	+⅛	115	9.7	..
475	179	Lorraine	395	425	+8	..	..	..
142	64	MIM	113	116	+3	..	..	..
44	15	Malaysian Mining	38	41	+1	..	..	..
64	24½	Metals Ex	43	46	+1	..	..	..
25	5¼	[illegible]	6	8		..	..	..
645	453	Minorco	586	596	+1	10.0	1.7	..
127	73	Nth Broken Hill	123	126	+6	..	..	..
70	25½	Nth Kalgurli	49	50½	-½	..	..	..
24⅛	10⅝	Orange Free	20½	21½	+⅛	..	..	..
123	85	Petaling Tin	100	130	.	..		..
311	204	Peko Wallsend	274	279	..	..		..
21	9⅝	Rand Mines Ltd	10	12				
405	170	Rand Mines Prop	320	350	.	12.0	3.6	..
73½	38	Randfontein	62⅞	64⅞	+⅛	551	8.6	..
455	225	Renison	441	-	+2	..	..	..
791	532	RTZ	700	705	-1	31.4	4.5	9.3
8½	5	Rustenburg	7	7⅛	+⅛	28.0	3.6	53.7
9⅞	5⅝	St Helena	8⅛	8⅝	+⅛	125	15.2	..
31½	14⅞	Southvaal	29⅝	30⅝	+½	118	3.9	..
525	273	[illegible]	423	453	-11	..	..	..
110	70	Sungei Besi	75	95	..	..	..	..
133	73	Tronoh	105	125	+5	..	..	..
563	300	Unisel	522	542	+20	46.0	8.6	..
62½	31½	Vaal Reefs	59⅛	60⅛	+1½	556	9.3	..
658	232	Venterspost	545	565	+10	54.0	9.7	..
85	35	Vogels	45	55	..	4.3	8.6	6.5
17	12	Wankie Colliery	14½	15½				..
633	288	Welkom	540	560	+11	67.0	12.2	..
313	128	Western Areas	257	287	+10	23.0	8.5	..
32⅝	15	Western Deep	27½	28½	+½	171	6.1	..
283	114	Western Mining	253	256	-3	3.0	1.1	..
273	83	Whim Creek	262	267	-8	..		..
15½	7⅞	Winkelhaak	13	14	+⅛	175	13.0	.
13	10⅝	Zambia Copper	10⅝	11⅜	..			.
230	26	Zandpan	65	-	..	3.7	5.7	.

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
353	320	AC	348	358	+10			
295	225	AE	283	284	+1½	10.7b	3.8	13.6
16	14½	Alexanders	14½	15½	.	..	..	29.4
179	153	Appleyard	173	178	.	8.6b	4.9	8.3
135	115	Armstrong	131	133	+3	3.9	3.0	12.8
58	43	BSG	56½	56½	-2	1.7	3.0	17.2
178	137	Bramall (CD)	142	147	..	5.6	3.9	15.9
537½	408	Br Aerospace	533	535	+9	23.4	4.4	11.2
182	155	Br Car Auctions	178	180	●+3	6.4	3.6	15.9
283	195	Caffyns	278	280	●+3	9.3	3.3	..
218	167	Cowie (T)	213	216	-1	5.7	2.7	10.0
144	113	Davis (Godfrey)	141	142	● .	6.4	4.5	12.7
237	198	Dowty	236	237	+10½	7.9	3.3	16.2
80	48	ERF	48	53	+1	.	.	3.3
339	287	FR Group	305	310	+2	4.9	1.6	21.0
252	169	Ford Motor	216	.	+11	7.0	3.2	..
129	65	Gates (Frank G)	118	122	..	4.3	3.6	14.9
236	211	General Motor	235	.	+3	25.0	10.6	..
107	68	Glanfield Lawrence	85	88	+1	.		..
174	75	Hartwells	86	89	●	3.8	4.3	10.8
612	398	Honda Motor	576	.	-12	3.8	0.7	
554	350	Jaguar	520	525	+31	12.7	2.1	12.3
125	92	Jessups	108	111	●	6.4	5.8	31.3
135	84	Kwik Fit	104	106	+7½	2.7	2.6	18.5
422	297	Lex	294	297	+2	15.1	5.1	16.8
216	111	Lookers	208	213	-2	7.6	3.8	13.4
603	432	Lucas	495	498	●+2	18.6	3.7	9.7
144	111	Perry gp	142½	145½	+3	6.4	4.4	13.2
101	68	Plaxtons (GB)	96	99		6.4	6.5	23.3
166	63	Quick (HJ)	163	168	+4	4.3	2.6	23.3
43	37	Rover	41	44	+1	..	..	..
91	58	Supra	87	90	+1	3.1	3.5	13.8
95	68	Westland	82	83	+1½	.	.	5.0
123	40	Woodhead (Jonas)	95	99	-5	1.4	1.4	16.3

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
168	147	[illegible]	165	170	.	4.4	2.6	20.5
245	178	Assoc Book	242	247	+2	8.2	3.3	15.5
452	353	Assoc Newspaper	437	438	+4½	8.3	1.5	22.3
335	305	Black (A&C)	325	335	+5	14.6	4.4	18.2
757	675	Bristol	732	762	●+5	41.4	5.5	21.3
490	435	Collins (Wm)	470	480	+5	11.4	2.4	21.4
343	253	Do A	332	337	+2	11.4	3.4	15.1
175	123	EMAP 'A'	153	158	●-9	3.4	2.2	27.8
375	285	Haynes Publishing	305	315	● ..	20.0	6.5	16.0
331	153	Home Counties	270	280	-3	12.5	4.5	17.5
380	233	Independent	340	350	..	12.0	3.5	..
754	424	Int Thomson	673	680	..	14.0	2.1	17.9
15⅞	15⅞	News Corp	840	880	..	..	..	..
22	10⅛	News International	21½	22	-⅛	12.9	0.6	..
625	445	Octopus	503	510	●+7	10.4	2.1	18.0
165	112	Portsmouth Sund	158	163	+3	5.9	3.7	28.9
475	338	Trinity Intl	472	477	●+2	22.6	4.8	13.6
418	328	Utd Newspapers	415	418	●+11	22.9	5.5	16.6

OIL

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
127	82	[illegible]	120	124		..	..	..
31	22	Aran Energy	30	32	+1	..	..	..
30	17	Atlantic Resources	28	30	..	..	..	..
109	56	Aus Oil & Gas	105	110	..	..	..	.
21½	5	BOM	16	17½	+½	..	..	
445	409	Br Borneo	442	447	+4	30.0	6.7	15.8
742	568	Br Petroleum	737	738	-3½	40.5	6.6	8.0
172	135	Britoil	169	170	-2½	9.3	5.5	4.8
84	71	Bryson	72	75	+3			
432½	334	Burmah	400	402	●-1	18.2	4.5	12.4
83½	61	Carless Capel	83	84	●+3½	3.9	4.7	15.6
138	120	Century	124	127	●	7.3	5.8	9.2
35	30½	Charterhall	33½	34	+½	..	.	70.7
56½	44½	Clyde	55	57	+2	2.1	3.8	6.7
183½	146	Enterprise	182	183	-½	12.1	6.6	7.0
56	23	[illegible]	34	38	.	..	..	.
353	200	Global N Res	360	.		..	..	..
43	38	Goal Pet	47	49	+2	1.4	2.9	18.1
74	38	Gt Western Res	60	65	●-2	2.9	4.6	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
76	52	Five Oaks	62½	64	+1½	.	.	6.9
223	183	Frogmore	216	220	..	10.9	5.0	10.9
58	35	Glentree	45	50	..	0.9	1.9	41.0
218	154	Gt Portland	217	219	●+2	10.1b	4.6	27.1
274	212	Greycoat	256	260	●+4	3.5	1.4	48.5
15½	11	Halwood Gp	13⅝	.	+⅛	..	..	..
335	290	Hambro Countrywd	325	335	..	6.6	2.0	23.6
485	410	Hammerson	465	475	..	13.6	2.9	24.1
475	350	Do 'A'	455	465	..	13.6	3.0	31.3
60	35	Hampton Tst	54½	55½	● ..	1.6	2.9	..
253	180	Hanover Druce	215	220	..	5.1	2.3	21.0
415	233	Haslemere	390	400	●-20	16.2	4.1	10.5
70	46½	Hong Kong Land	61½	63	+½	..	..	..
425	275	Imry	395	405	+20	8.1	2.0	65.0
330	155	Jermyn	275	325	..	2.9	1.0	..
320	284½	Laing Prop	298	302	..	10.7	3.6	15.2
349	302	Land Securities	345	348	+3	14.5	4.2	23.2
620	525	Lon & Edin Tst	555	565	+5	9.6	1.7	20.8
265	208	Do 6½%	210	213	+3	9.3	4.4	
172	164	Lon & Metro	167	169	..	4.4	2.6	14.2
335	225	Lon & Prov Shop	270	280	..	6.7	2.4	75.5
188	151	Lon Shop Prop	176	179	-1	7.9	4.4	28.3
335	288	Lynton	365	375	..	10.4	2.8	27.3
378	308	MEPC	345	347	●+1	16.4	4.7	20.2
211	95	McInerney	195	200	..	7.1	3.6	..
123	108	McKay Secs	118	123	+3	5.2	4.3	17.6
60	44	[illegible]	53	56	-1	3.1	5.6	19.5
235	141	Marlvale Moore	225	235	● ..	4.3	1.9	17.7
640	255	Marler Est	590	600	+5	5.7	1.0	99.4
11⅝	740	Mountleigh	11	11⅛	..	18.6	1.7	14.4
780	480	Mountview	755	765	+5	7.1	0.9	11.6
116	94	Muckow (A&J)	115	117	+3	7.7	6.6	17.1
23	18½	Municipal	22	24	● ..	17.3	0.8	45.1
130	73	New Cavendish	102	105	● ..	1.7	1.6	52.3
93	52	Parkdale	68	70	+1	2.9b	4.2	13.0
298½	259	Peachey	284	286	-1	12.9	4.5	15.2
265	107	Priest Marians	247	257	+12	..	..	..
283	180	Prop & Rev	238	242	●-1	7.9b	3.3	40.7
180	112	Prop Hldgs	160	165	-2	4.2	2.6	33.7
136	114	Prop Security	133	136	-1	3.6	2.7	25.1
13½	8½	Raglan	10⅝	11½	+¼	0.1	0.9	48.9
660	255	Regalian	310	320	+5	5.7b	1.8	29.4
190	83	[illegible]	122	123	-½	0.1	0.1	..
667	545	Rosehaugh	662	670	+28	1.4	0.2	63.4
280	215	Rush & Tompkins	223	228	-4	11.8	5.2	11.9
103	85	Scot Met	94	96	●+3	6.1	6.4	20.4
188	145	Shield Gp	180	190	+3	2.9	1.6	30.8
183	160	Slough Estates	182	184	+2	8.3	4.5	18.5
445	335	Speyhawk	360	370	● ..	14.3	3.9	14.4
260	154	Stand Secs	225	235	-10	6.0	2.6	26.0
94	76	Stockley	90	92	+1	..	..	..
329	99	Southend Stadium	320	324	+9	0.8	0.2	71.6
59	48	Town Centre	56	58	..	1.6	2.8	26.8
275	225	Trafford Park	255	265	..	17.1	6.6	15.3
260	124	UK Land	250	260	● ..	5.7	2.2	13.8
888	819	Warner	870	885	+3	27.9	3.2	39.8
875	490	Warnford	725	775	-25	25.0	3.3	28.8
156	125	Wates	136	139	+3	3.3	2.4	37.5
94	21	Webb (Jos)	29	30	-½	0.7	2.4	49.2
178	152	West & Country	163	168	..	12.1	7.3	9.5

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
371	275	Assoc Br Ports	370	372	+23	8.8b	2.3	20.5
332	294	Br Commonwealth	330	332	+3	8.1b	2.4	23.3
325	267	Caledonia	302	305	+8	7.4	2.4	53.3
85	51	Fisher (James)	63	66	.	4.8	7.4	11.8
535	480	Graig	495	505	..	21.4	4.3	41.5
76	57	Jacobs (JI)	66	68		5.1b	7.8	51.1
9½	4½	Lyle	8	9	+½	.. ●	.	0.7
41	28	Mersey Docks	37	39	..	..		4.0
256	182	Ocean Transport	241	243	..	12.9	5.3	11.1
576	481	P & O Dfd	533	535	+1	25.4b	4.9	15.3
173	86	Runciman (Walter)	160	165	.	7.1	4.4	25.7
360	223	Tiphook	285	295	●-5	5.8	1.9	19.2
330	305	Turnbull Scott	370	380	.	12.9	3.4	52.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
370	296	FII	343	353	+3	9.6	2.8	10.1
224	145	Garnar Booth	176	180	..	14.3	8.0	11.1
46	33	*Headlam Sims*	44	46	..	0.7e	1.6	
218	170	Lambert Howarth	198	203	..	8.2	4.4	10.7
76	54½	Newbold & Burton	62	66	.	4.4	6.9	19.3
174	88	Pittard	170	174	+2	5.5	3.2	11.8
157	132	Strong & Fisher	144	148	.	12.9	8.8	8.7
273	195	Stylo	223	228	-2	6.4	2.8	27.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	265	Allied Text	307	317	.	10.7	3.4	21.4
283	250	Atkins Bros	260	265	●+5	10.7	4.1	18.3
202	189	Beale (John)	197	200	+6	6.9	3.5	8.0
108	102	Beckman (A)	102	105	+1	8.2	7.9	12.1
36	27	[illegible]	25	28	-1	.	.	10.8
146	134	Br Mohair	145	147	●+3	8.6n	5.9	8.8
138	108	Bulmer & Lumb	133	138	..	7.1	5.2	31.1
89	62½	Corah	64½	65½	..	5.7	8.8	..
330	286	Courtaulds	325	336	●+2½	10.2	3.1	11.9
168	147	Crowther (J)	157	159	-1	4.6	2.9	12.8
258	211	Dawson	256	258	●+2	9.1	3.5	13.8
60	46	[illegible]	56	58	.	0.7	1.2	44.9
152	126	Drummond	145	147	●+1	4.6	3.2	.
73	59	Dura Mill	67	72	.	2.9	4.1	9.4
110	64	Foster (John)	81	84	●+5	5.0	6.0	7.2
123	65	Gaskell Broadloom	120	125	+2	7.9	6.4	9.0
57	33	Hicking Pentecost	39	42	.	..	..	
137	110	Illingworth	114	116	+1	5.0	4.3	10.5
210	38	Ingram (Harold)	118	128		4.3	3.5	23.3
125	70	Jerome (S)	115	118	-1	5.0	4.3	11.3
210	83	Lamont	207	212	+7	6.9	3.3	13.6
208	153	Leeds	205	210	●+2	8.9	4.3	10.6
144	65	Lister	142	145	●+2	1.4	1.0	12.5
138	72	Lyles (S)	136	139	+1	8.2	5.9	15.5
120	84	Mackay (Hugh)	115	120	..	6.7	5.7	17.1
29½	15	[illegible]	28	29	+½	..		23.8
158	116	Parkland 'A'	124	126	●+1	6.9	5.5	15.4
49½	33½	Readicut	44	45	-½	2.5	5.6	10.3
143	109	SEET	125	138	+1	7.6	5.5	7.8
135	84	Sekers	126	129	● ..	3.6	2.8	10.3
177	133	Sirdar	141	144	..	7.4	5.2	10.5
79	49	Smallshaw (R)	72	75	-1	3.9	5.3	6.7
35	14	Stoddard 'A'	33½	35	..	..	..	
188	133	Textured Jersey	133	136	..	8.6	6.4	7.7
250	38	Tomkinsons	243	248	● ..	5.7	2.3	12.2
109½	87	Tootal	108½	109	+3½	5.9	5.4	11.3
250	240	Yorklyde	250	270	..	10.0	3.8	8.1

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	444	BAT	482	484		18.4	3.8	12.6
148	123	Carroll	145	150	+7			
198	135	Rothmans 'B'	197	199	●+6	10.0	5.1	7.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CHAMBERLAIN PHIPPS:** The company has completed a contract for the acquisition of the assets and goodwill of a partnership trading under the names of Rigiflex Extrusion Company and Rigiflex Plastic Extrusions, which manufactures and sells plastic extrusions for the footwear and other industries. The aggregate price of £650,000 for the assets, goodwill and premises will be satisfied partly in cash and partly by 444,445 fully paid ordinary shares with a market value of £400,000, which have been allotted.

● ***JW WASSALL:*** *Half-year to* August 2. Turnover £1.4 million (£1.3 million). Pretax profit £2,908 (£8,574 loss). Earnings per share 0.07p (0.66p loss).

● **UNILEVER:** The company's subsidiary has acquired a 90 per cent holding in the Revilla Group, a Spanish meat products business with three plants in Soria province and about 850 employees.

● **GROSVENOR SQUARE PROPERTIES GROUP:** The Associated British Ports Holdings offer was accepted by the holders of 11,455,317 Grosvenor Square shares (about 92.5 per cent) by 3pm on January 7. The offer is not likely to be referred to the Monopolies Commission and is extended until 3pm on January 21. Grosvenor's directors agreed to accept the offers in respect of 4,145,174 shares (about 33.5 per cent).

● **POLYMARK INTERNATIONAL:** The company's American subsidiary, Polymark Corporation, completed a sale and leaseback of freehold properties in Cincinnati on December 31, 1986, for a gross cash sum of US$400,000 (£273,972). Net book value of this disposal was £269,000 and after allowing for costs of sale, gives rise to a loss of £18,000 that will be included in the group's consolidated results for 1986.

● **FOGARTY:** SG Warburg, the merchant bank, has dispatched the formal offer document from *Coloroll and listing particulars* to ordinary and preference shareholders of Fogarty. First closing date of offers is 3.00pm on January 30.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151
British Gas (50p)	66 +½
Cap & Regional (65p)	70 −1
Daniels S (130p)	158
Fletcher King (175p)	175
Gaynor (94p)	109
Geest (125p)	172
Glentree (16p)	48
Gordon Russell (190p)	209
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170 +1
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	109 +3
Harmony Leisure (23p)	28
Hornby (100p)	103
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	150 +3
Johnson Fry	158 −3
Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p)	22 +1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	137 +3
Logitek (65p)	67 +1
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	168
MIL (144p)	146 +1
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	106
Nobo (152p)	153
Northumbrian Food (60p)	86
Plum Hldgs (90p)	119 +4
Spandex (170p)	245 +3
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	110
TSB Group (100p)	75¼ −¾
Virgin (140p)	133
Ward Group (97p)	102
Wilding Office (135p)	150 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Belhaven N/P	20
Birm Mint N/P	36 +2
Freshbake N/P	23 +1
Marling F/P	82
New Court N/P	1¾
Property Tst F/P	2½
Parkdale N/P	4 +1
Scanro N/P	4
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 5	Jan 16	Apr 2	Apr 13
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18

Call options were taken out on: 8/1/87 Lockers, Hampton Trust, Renold, Border Television, Lee Intnl., Parrish, London Securities, Premier, Greenwich Resources, Regentcrest, North Kalgurli Mines, Bristol Oil & Minerals, Stewart Nairn, Sedgewick Forbes, Logica, Freshbake, Skyline, Harris Queensway, Mecca Leisure, Portland, Amstrad, Baker Perkins, Delta, Wellcome, Mrs Fields.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11¼ Low 10
Week fixed: 11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10¾	2 mnth	10⅝
3 mnth	10 11/16	3 mnth	10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 27/32-10 25/32 2 mnth 10¾-10 23/32
3 mnth 10 11/16-10 21/32 6 mnth 10 11/32-10 9/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 15/32 2 mnth 11⅜
3 mnth 11 5/16 6 mnth 10 31/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 10
1 week 11⅛-11 6 mnth 11-10⅞
1 mnth 11 5/32-11 3/32 9 mnth 11-10⅞
3 mnth 11 3/32-11 1/16 12 mth 11-10⅞

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10⅞ 3 mnth 10⅞
6 mnth 10⅞ 12 mth 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅜-11¼ 2 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16
3 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 6 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16
9 mnth 11⅜-11¼ 12 mth 11 5/16-11 1/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 3 mnth 11 1/16-10 15/16
6 mnth 10⅞-10¾ 12 mth 10⅞-10¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.15-6.10 3 mnth 6.00-5.95
6 mnth 5.95-5.90 12 mth 6.00-5.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6 3/16-5 15/16 call 7-6
3 mnth 6⅛-6 1 mnth 6⅛-6
6 mnth 6 1/16-5 15/16

Deutschmark
7 days 4 9/16-4 7/16 call 5-4
3 mnth 4¾-4⅝ 1 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16
6 mnth 4¾-4⅝

French Franc
7 days 12⅜-11⅜ call 9¼-8¼
3 mnth 11-10 1 mnth 12⅜-11⅜
6 mnth 10-9

Swiss Franc
7 days 1½-1¼ call 2¼-1¼
3 mnth 3 13/16-3 11/16 1 mnth 3½-3⅜
6 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16

Yen
7 days 4¼-4⅛ call 5-4
3 mnth 4½-4⅜ 1 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16
6 mnth 4⅜-4¼

BULLION

Gold:$401.00-401.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 399.00-402.00 (£270.50-273.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 95.00-96.00 (£64.50-65.25)
Platinum
$ 495.75 (£337.00)
Silver
$ 5.4000-5.4200 (£3.6650-3.6800)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.21	89.33	89.21	89.31	3545
Jun 87	89.51	89.60	89.50	89.60	371
Sep 87	89.65	89.70	89.65	89.71	128
Dec 87	89.62	89.62	89.62	89.64	16
Mar 88	89.42	89.42	89.42	89.44	16
Jun 88	89.19	89.19	89.19	89.21	76
Previous day's total open interest 13267					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 23674			
Mar 87	94.09	94.11	94.07	94.10	3782
Jun 87	94.09	94.10	94.07	94.10	840
Sep 87	93.98	94.00	93.98	94.00	355
Dec 87	93.80	93.81	93.79	93.81	282
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3275			
Mar 87	101-01	101-11	100-29	101-05	4805
Jun 87	100-14	100-16	100-14	100-11	5
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 111			
Mar 87	98-18	98-18	98-18	98-24	10
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 18110			
Mar 87	114-08	115-18	114-07	115-17	31332
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	115-24	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2687			
Mar 87	174.60	176.70	174.60	176.70	1105
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	179.70	0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 8	Market rates close January 8	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4650-1.4750	1.4740-1.4750	0.63-0.60prem	1.80-1.75prem
Montreal	2.0092-2.0237	2.0209-2.0237	0.53-0.45prem	1.52-1.41prem
Ams'dam	3.1950-3.2095	3.1956-3.2000	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅜-4prem
Brussels	58.98-59.21	59.05-59.17	8-3prem	35-27prem
C'phgen	10.7205-10.7635	10.7454-10.7630	⅛-1⅛dis	1¼-2⅛dis
Dublin	1.0471-1.0537	1.0482-1.0492	19-35dis	65-89dis
Frankfurt	2.8300-2.8425	2.8305-2.8347	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4¼prem
Lisbon	212.86-216.01	215.13-216.01	83-125dis	205-301dis
Madrid	193.50-194.65	194.35-194.63	30-48dis	87-120dis
Milan	1993.85-2010.75	1997.21-2003.05	5-8dis	7-11dis
Oslo	10.8350-10.8745	10.8597-10.8744	4⅞-6dis	15⅝-18⅝dis
Paris	9.4185-9.4630	9.4262-9.4429	⅝-2dis	1⅝-par prem
St'khlm	9.9545-9.9975	9.9834-9.9975	2⅛-1⅞prem	4-3¼prem
Tokyo	232.28-233.42	233.04-233.42	1½-1¼prem	4-3⅝prem
Vienna	19.93-20.02	19.94-19.97	10-8⅜prem	28⅜-25⅜prem
Zurich	2.3715-2.3885	2.3717-2.3755	1⅝-1½prem	4⅜-4⅛prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 68.8 (day's range 68.7-68.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.8643-1.8716
Australia dollar	2.2096-2.2129
Bahrain dinar	0.5505-0.5545
Brazil cruzado *	22.10-22.24
Cyprus pound	0.7320-0.7420
Finland marka	6.9990-7.0390
Greece drachma	202.55-204.55
Hong Kong dollar	11.4488-11.4574
India rupee	19.00-19.20
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4260-0.4300
Malaysia dollar	3.8302-3.8351
Mexico peso	1335.0-1385.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7093-2.7213
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4775-5.5175
Singapore dollar	3.1925-3.1962
South Africa rand	3.1570-3.1729
U A E dirham	5.3640-5.4040

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4005-1.4035
Singapore	2.1700-2.1710
Malaysia	2.6035-2.6050
Australia	0.6653-0.6658
Canada	1.3712-1.3717
Sweden	6.7700-6.7750
Norway	7.3725-7.3775
Denmark	7.2875-7.2925
West Germany	1.9240-1.9250
Switzerland	1.6143-1.6153
Netherlands	2.1715-2.1725
France	6.4100-6.4150
Japan	158.38-158.48
Italy	1364.0-1365.5
Belgium(Comm)	40.07-40.12
Hong Kong	7.7820-7.7825
Portugal	144.50-145.50
Spain	131.80-131.90
Austria	13.52-13.54

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons	300	53	63	70	1	3	7
(*350)	330	24	40	53	2	6	15
	360	5	16	—	17	22	—
British Gas	50	16½	18½	20½	½	½	½
(*66)	60	6½	9¼	12½	½	1½	3
	70	¼	4¼	7	4¼	5½	6½
BP	650	92	102	110	1	10	15
(*739)	700	42	58	70	1	20	28
	750	8	25	40	20	43	50
Cons Gold	600	100	224	135	1½	9	11
(*695)	650	52	80	97	4	16	25
	700	13	45	67	20	40	50
Courtaulds	260	67	76	—	1	1	—
(*326)	280	47	56	65	1	1½	4
	300	27	40	49	1	5	7
	330	5	18	27	8	12	17
Com Union	260	32	38	45	1	4	7
(*290)	280	13	23	31	2	10	14
	300	4	13	20	13	21	25
Cable & Wire	300	51	59	73	1	4	10
(*349)	325	28	39	—	1	10	—
	350	8	25	—	7	20	—
	375	1½	—	—	27	—	—
GEC	160	33	38	43	½	1½	4
(*192)	180	13	22	28	1¾	6	9
	200	2	10½	16	12	16	20
Grand Met	360	105	110	—	½	1	—
(*459)	390	75	80	—	½	1½	—
	420	45	55	73	1	5	12
	460	9	32	50	7	22	27
ICI	1000	145	157	174	1	4	7
(*1138)	1050	93	112	132	2	9	17
	1100	45	70	97	6	27	35
	1150	15	42	67	27	50	55
Land Sec	300	48	59	62	1	2	4
(*347)	330	19	33	40	1	5	9
	360	3	15	21	16	18	21
Marks & Spen	180	7	18	24	1	7	8½
(*186)	200	1	6	14	15	18	19
	220	½	3½	5	35	38	39
Shell Trans	900	110	120	138	1	5	15
(*1004)	950	60	73	97	1	18	28
	1000	15	35	58	14	35	47
Trafalgar House	260	34	45	50	1	3	6
(*292)	280	14	29	35	3	7	10
	300	3	16	20	11	15	21
TSB	70	6	10	12	¾	2	3
(*75)	80	¾	4½	6	6	7	7
	90	½	2	2½	15½	15½	15½
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Beecham	360	115	—	—	1	—	—
(*454)	390	85	98	100	1½	3	8
	420	57	70	75	5	10	15
	460	25	40	50	13	25	30
Boots	200	51	56	—	½	2	—
(*245)	220	32	37	46	2	4	7
	240	15	24	30	6	13	15
BTR	260	37	45	53	3	7	9
(*289)	280	20	29	38	8	12	18
	300	9	18	—	20	25	—
Bass	650	130	160	—	1	4	—
(*765)	700	80	110	135	4	8	15
	750	50	75	105	10	25	35
Blue Circle	600	135	147	162	2	5	8
(*720)	650	90	105	120	7	8	15
	700	48	65	78	13	20	27
De Beers	650	180	—	—	8	—	—
(*808)	700	145	170	—	13	25	—
	750	105	135	153	24	45	55
	800	70	98	125	50	70	80
Dixons	300	42	54	62	3	6	11
(*333)	330	20	30	42	14	16	20
	360	4	14	—	30	30	—
GKN	240	57	63	69	1	2	4
(*291)	260	37	45	54	3	7	10
	280	25	31	39	9	12	16
	300	13	—	—	17	—	—
Glaxo	950	215	240	275	4	7	13
(*1138)	1000	165	200	235	7	13	20
	1050	120	165	200	12	27	33
	1100	75	130	170	22	47	55
Hanson	160	46½	—	—	½	—	—
(*203)	180	27	33	38½	1½	3½	4½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson	200	11¼	19½	25	6½	10½	12½
(cont)	220	4½	10¼	—	19	21	—
Jaguar	500	105	122	138	1½	6	12
(*594)	550	57	72	90	7	13	20
	600	23	—	—	22	—	—
Thorn EMI	420	98	115	—	1	1	—
(*504)	460	58	80	90	2	8	12
	500	28	38	52	15	20	27
	550	6	—	—	50	—	—
Tesco	360	55	68	75	5	9	13
(*407)	390	32	45	57	9	15	20
	420	10	22	33	20	27	30
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Brit Aero	420	120	125	—	1	2	—
(*533)	460	80	85	100	1½	5	7
	500	44	52	65	5	13	17
BAT Inds	390	103	108	—	1	2	—
(*484)	420	73	78	93	1½	5	8
	460	36	48	63	7	15	20
	500	12	27	42	25	32	40
Barclays	460	52	60	72	2½	7	15
(*503)	500	24	35	45	15	28	33
	550	4	12	23	52	63	67
Brit Telecom	180	41	48	55	½	1½	3
(*219)	200	21	30	36	1	5	6
	220	6½	16	20	6	10	15
Cadbury Schwpps	160	37	41	46	½	2½	4
(*193)	180	16½	23	28	2	5	9
	200	5	11	18	10	12½	18
Guinness	280	27	38	47	6	11	14
(295)	300	12	27	37	18	22	25
	330	4	14	23	40	42	43
Ladbroke	330	82	90	98	½	2	3
(*406)	360	51	60	70	1	6	8
	390	28	40	48	8	14	20
LASMO	130	43	48	—	1	3	—
(*169)	140	33	36	44	2	6	8
	160	17	26	32	6	10	14
Midland Bank	550	65	75	90	4	13	20
(*599)	600	22	35	50	18	30	42
	650	5	15	27	55	62	65
P & O	460	85	95	103	2	5	8
(*534)	500	45	60	68	5	10	15
	550	13	32	40	20	30	35
Racal	160	32	42	50	1	3	5
(*189)	180	15	25	33	5	9	12
	200	4	13	16	16	19	22
RTZ	550	165	—	—	2	—	—
(*702)	600	115	132	—	2½	7	—
	650	72	92	110	9	20	27
	700	37	60	72	25	42	55
Vaal Reefs	70	19½	24½	27½	1	2¾	3¾
(*88)	80	9¾	16	20	2¾	5¼	8
	90	3½	9	12½	8	10½	11¾
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Lonrho	200	50	54	—	1½	3	—
(*245)	220	31	37	42	3½	7	10
	240	15	21	28	12	15	18
	260	6	12	15	25	26	30
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Tr 11¾% 1991	100	63/16	4 5/16	4¾	3/32	7/16	¾
(*£103)	102	2¼	45/16	3 5/16	⅝	1	1 7/16
	104	1	1¾	2 5/16	1¾	1⅞	2 5/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07	104	9¾	10¾	10¾	1/16	1/16	¾
(*£112)	106	7¾	8½	9 3/16	3/16	¾	1¼
	108	91/16	7	7¾	¾	1	3 1/16
	110	67/16	5½	6 3/16	11/16	1¾	2¼
	112	43/16	4 5/16	5 3/16	1¾	2 5/16	3 1/16
	114	1¾	3¼	—	2 5/16	3 1/16	—

		Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr
FT-SE	1550	192	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
Index	1575	167	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
(*1736)	1600	142	155	165	—	½	1½	4	—
	1625	117	130	142	—	1	3	6	—
	1650	90	108	120	130	2	6	10	13
	1675	67	88	97	110	5	12	17	20
	1700	45	68	83	95	10	22	25	30

January 8, 1987. Total contracts 67911. Calls 55440. Puts 12471. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls:1643. Puts:1527

CAR BUYERS GUIDE

BMW AUTHORISED DEALERS

1986. BMW M5. Burgundy with pearl. 9,000 miles. POA. 1986. BMW 735iAse. Polaris with black leather. 7,000 miles. POA. 1986. BMW 728i. Diamond with pearl. 7,000 miles. POA. 1986. BMW 528i SE. Alpine with black. 9,000 miles. POA. 1986. BMW 528i. Diamond with red leather. 5,000 miles. POA. 1986. BMW 325iA. Bronze with pearl. 7,000 miles. POA. Prophets (BMW) Ltd. Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull. Tel: (021) 744 4488.

520 i Auto 1985 B. Maroon/beige. 39,000 mls. £7,250. 01 650 5747/0276

B.M.W.

BMW 323i.
Hanna red. December 1983 reg (A). Extras inc: PAS, Alloys, elec S/R, tints, head lamp washers, aerial, Pioneer stereo radio/cassette, mud flaps, BMW mats. 21,500 miles. £8,500.
Tel: (0952) 641554.

735i auto special equipment 1985 (C). Full special equipment spec. cruise control, electric seats. sunroof, stereo. Silver, blue leather interior. One non smoking owner. 16,000 miles. Excellent condition £19,950. Tel: 01-351 6552.

325i AUTO - Feb '86, met arctic blue/ pearl int, 2 door, elec/W. ESR, PAS, ABS, no model inscription, Blaupunkt radio cassette, E/aerial, FSH, 1 owner, warranty, £12,950. Tel: Bagshot (0276) 71595.

635 CSi C Reg. 11,000 miles. zinnabar red with black leather upholstery. air conditioning. £28,000 ono. Tel: 0937 844300 (weekdays) or 0937 842503 (after 6.00 and weekends).

316 BMW 1984 B. 4 Dr. Saturn blue, perfect condition. Only 6,500 miles. 1 owner. Automatic 4 speed, power steering, sunroof, radio cassette, alarm. £7,250 Tel: 01-236 8271.

628 CSiA - Jan 84. 30,000 miles. red/black leather upholstery. elec sunroof, stereo radio cassette, immaculate, one owner. £12,250. Tel: (h) Brentwood 219966 (off) 0277 222818.

628 CSi Manual, C reg, Alpine white. cloth trim. ABS. LSD. Air cond, radio/cassette. BMW FSH. 26,000 miles. one Director owner. £15,950 ONO. Tel:(0536) 47569 anytime.

735i 82. Excl condition. Taxed / M O.T.. Elec roof. Alloys, ABS. Personal number plates. Blaupunkt. FSH. 69,000 motorway miles. £7,499. Tel: 01-720 8365. Anytime.

320i (4 dr) 1984 A reg. met bottle green, beige int. 33,000 mls. FSH. stereo. s/roof. remote control c/locking & alarm system + extras. Excellent. £7,150 ono. 01-370 5690

BMW 735SE Chairman's motor. dark green, Reg'd Nov 1984, approx 39,000 miles. removable tow bracket. £14,500. 089-272-2175. West Kent.

732 (I) 1983 model. Y reg. 5 speed. 55,000 miles. FSH. many extra's. VGC. reason for sale delivery of new XJ 40. £6,950 0753 883419.

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520i Auto. Reg Sept '85 (C). Zinnober red. 21,000 miles. One owner. FSH. MSR. Radio / cassette. £8,950. Tel: Woking (04862) 65903.

BMW 325i New unregistered. Save over £1,000. Choice of 3. Chris Neill. RFO Ltd 01 642 6865 Office Hours.

528 i SE. Auto. June 85. 21,000 mls. Red/black. F.S.H. £10,995 Tel: 01-409-2199 ext 222 (day)

728i Auto. 1984 A. Arctic blue. O/S comp. H W/wipe, spots. R/lights. Blaupunkt. Dealer maintained. 67K with with one driver. Immaculate. £6,750. Tel: 0572 66781.

323i
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The prospect of a 300-mile motorway journey at the wheel of the lowest-powered version of Fiat's Uno Supermini did not set me tingling with anticipation. Uno may have been voted Car of the Year 1984, but like most *of its classmates it would* be cramped, noisy, and tiring on a long run.

The Uno 45S is only one *step up the* extensive Uno range. It has a few more creature comforts than the basic model, but is still a quite *ordinary-looking* small car with a one-litre engine.

Vital statistics
Model: Uno 45S
Price: £4,889
Engine: 999cc
Performance: 0-62mph, 16.2 secs. Maximum speed 90mph.
Official consumption: urban; 43.6mpg; 56mph, 68.9mpg and 75mph, 52.3mpg.
Length: 12 feet.
Insurance: Group 2.

Inside, however, it a revelation. The brushed fabric *covered front seats are big* and comfortable, offering support to my 5ft 9in in all the right places. I cannot remember when I last drove a small car and immediately felt so much at home.

The dashboard and control *layout is a model of clarity* and common sense. The black plastic-covered facia, steering-wheel, and gear knob, have a *lightly dimpled surface* which feels nice in the hand and looks a cut above the plasticky interiors of many of its *competitors.*

But the main attraction is the 999cc Fully Integrated Robotized Engine (FIRE), which was design for assembly by robots. It has the torque or hugging power of a much larger engine responding to the *accelerator eagerly and emitting* a throaty but pleasantly reassuring exhaust note.

Linked to a positive, finger-*light five speed gearbox,* it makes nonsense of preconceived ideas of small car limitations. The Uno 45S will *maintain 85 mph for hour* after hour with no sign of stress. The one-litre Uno unit sets high standards in fuel economy. It returned 42 mpg over some 500 miles of very hard motoring.

The S version at £4,889 is *£554 more than the basic* model. It is money well spent. For that you get an extra fuel-saving fifth gear, an *econometer, tinted windows,* rear wash-wipe which in my view is a must in a tailgated car, halogen headlamps, internally-adjusted door mirrors, illuminated switches, three-speed wipers, remote rear-door release, rear-hinged windows for extra ventilation, and the rear seat splits and folds down to increase cargo space.

Peugeot joins executive car battle

A *new temptingly-priced* contender has joined the increasingly fierce battle for the lion's share of the executive car sector. The Peugeot 505 2.8-litre V6 will be taking on such established favourites as the Ford Granada Scorpio, Volvo 700 Series, the Mercedes 260E, Renault 25, and BMW 528i. More recent arrivals include the Rover 800 Series, its Honda clone, the Legend, and the cheapest of the new Jaguars, the XJ6 2.9.

The V6 is the flagship of the vastly-improved Peugeot *range in Britain. Unlike Aus*tin Rover, however, its marketing team has resisted the temptation to overgild its top model. The Rover Sterling costs £18,754 compared with only £14,495 for the Peugeot. Even the attractively-priced Rover 825i is appreciably more expensive at £15,870.

The Ford Granada Scorpio with its dated 2.8 V6 is far from cheap at £17,507. But it is getting a brand-new engine any day now, and if Ford can hold that price should be a threat to the best in 1987.

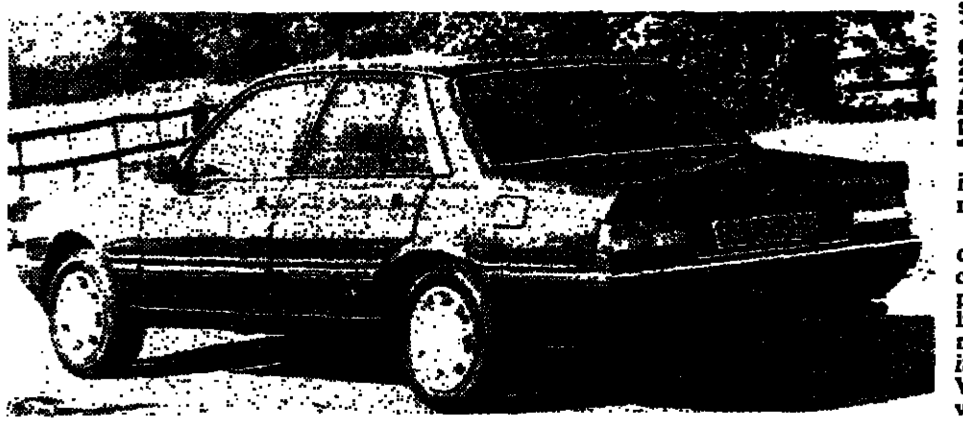
But the car they all have to beat is the entry-level XJ6 at £16,495.

The Peugeot stops short of that ultimate challenge, but its combination of comprehensive equipment and low price will make it a strong contender for senior management transport. Standard fittings include Teves anti-lock brakes similar to those fitted to the Granada, an electric sunroof, electric front and rear windows, remote-control central locking, velour trimmed upholstery, a new variable resistance power steering, and metallic paint.

In the past the Douvrin built 90 degree V6 has not been one of my favourite engines. At even moderate revs, it frequently seemed out of balance and at odds with itself. The latest version as fitted to the 505 has been extensively modified and the difference is apparent in the increased *flexibility, smooth*ness, and reduced noise.

The only major shortcoming is the 505's rather conservative appearance. I personally like its understated lines, but with so many sleek new contenders to overcome *its appeal may be limited.* Viewed on a straightforward value-for-money basis, however, it will be hard to beat.

Vital statistics
Model: Peugeot 505 V6
Price: £14,495.
Engine: 2,849cc V6
Performance: 0-62mph, 9.2 secs, maximum speed 127mph.
Official consumption: urban, 22.1mpg, 56mph, 37.2mpg, and 75mph, 28.2mpg.
Length: 15 feet.
Insurance: Group 5.



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Traidcraft, the organization of which he is managing director, is not the usual style of company. Formed seven years ago and based in Gateshead on the Team Valley Trading Estate, it exists to help Third World countries by providing a British market place for their goods.

Traidcraft stocks and sells more than 1,000 products, ranging from Mauritian tea to basketware and Indian stonecraft. It ensures that most of the money it makes benefits the people who produce the goods, many of them living in tiny village communities overseas.

In some cases the manufacturers are so impoverished that Traidcraft has first to pay for the raw materials, as well as providing guidance on what products to provide and how to pack and wrap them for the British market.This policy has enabled Traidcraft's 120-strong Gateshead staff to distribute and sell more than £10 million worth of goods. It takes a great deal of energy and Christian commitment to produce those figures.

Like the earlier, oversubscribed share issue, much of the latest £1 million offer has been taken up by a wide variety of investors, including churches. They are satisfied with the promise that the dividend paid will not exceed 6 per cent. "People put their own interpretation on what we do when they give us their support," explains Richard Adams.

Adams himself, a 40-year-old Durham University graduate and a former industrial development officer for East Lothian, first formed a company to market exotic fruits from India and Africa - until rising air freight costs undermined the trade.

The Traidcraft venture is an extension of the philosophy of providing self-help to the poorer countries through production and marketing advice, plus the opportunity to sell here.

Richard Adams with some of his exotic merchandise

The company's Gateshead base is a 63,000-square foot warehouse purchased outright for £108,000. Twice that amount has since been invested in the building and a computerised stock *control, accounting and order system* cost £100,000.

Running a business of such diversity and with such aims does not make for a soft life. Hundreds of thousands of pounds are tied up in products. Even so Adams' computers tell him Traidcraft has lost £210,000-worth of orders in a three-month period due to insufficient stocks. "It's caused by a number of factors like goods missing boats or customs hold-ups," he says.

Traidcraft is aiming at a turnover of £3.3 million in the current year and hopes to break even on that. Last year there was a small loss of £61,000. "I think we just hadn't got our prices sorted out properly", he explains. "But we have gone a long way to correcting that. With the computers we now have a lot more management information."

Some 60 per cent of trade is generated by a national force of volunteer agents using a mail order catalogue, although the company also sells through a small group of its own shops in Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool and Leicester. Of the £1 million just raised, £600,000 will go to replace stockholding. Traidcraft has also just acquired a second 50,000-square foot warehouse in Team Valley.This year will see the launch of a fashion clothing range made in India and Bangladesh to British design demands.

Both share issues were do-it-yourself ventures. The 1984 flotation cost only £16,000, the more recent £35,000 — far cheaper, says Adams, than the conventional methods of the Stock Exchange or the USM.

● **Contact:** *Traidcraft, Kingsway, Gateshead, NE11 ONE. Telephone (091) 487 3191.*

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Mickey Stewart deserves credit for English cricket's re-birth, suggests **David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent**

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It was gratifying to watch England win the one-day series at the WACA with diligence rather than bravado. It was a performance symptomatic of the team's re-emergence during an arduous but continuing successful tour. There is, I suspect, a reason behind it all.

Apart from Javed, in whose hands the bat is as precise a weapon as a barber's applying a cut-throat razor, Pakistan may have been less than impressive; yet England bowled and then batted with a steadiness and patience more appropriate to a five-day game. A splendid day was marred only by the drunken idiocy of English supporters at the conclusion. As a New Zealander said to me: "Do you bring your Brussels crowd all this way?"

Leaving aside the worrying *export* of anarchy, the selectors at Lord's will have an important decision to make at the end of the tour. Should the TCCB, in the persons of Douglas Insole and Raman Subba Row, reappoint Mickey Stewart as permanent team manager, home and away? The revival of the team, never mind *that it* has been against Australian opposition torn by loss of confidence and public disaffection, suggests that Stewart's contribution during this Southern summer has been unequivocally valuable.

There is a new discipline on and off the field now

What the tour has had – and it has been apparent on and off the field – is discipline, much of which has been self-discipline, in both play and conduct. It is a paramount condition for success, whether in individual or team sports. The lead has come from Stewart.

Saying this is not to diminish the role of Peter Lush, the agreeable tour manager, or Mike Gatting, the new skipper. It has always puzzled me that cricket, inhibited by decades of tradition, has been *reluctant to* move away from the combination of tour manager/captain. Given the fact that there are *few cricketers in the game today* with the character, inclination or training to incorporate in their captaincy the necessary elements of collective discipline, the need for a proper team manager has, *it seems* to me, been unavoidable. The system does, after all, work adequately and to advantage in other sports. The *appointment* of Bob Willis last winter, a recent player, was always likely to fail.

Ken Barrington could have done it, the sages said, but who else? Well, Stewart has done it: discreetly, firmly, honestly and effectively. *He* has proved the point. I see no less need for it in a home series than when abroad for four months or more. A cricketer's *sense of responsibility, or lack of* it, does not vary with where he sleeps.

"In the Test cricket I have seen in the past three years we'd bowl four good deliveries an over, and then a loose full toss which would go for four through mid-wicket," Stewart said *when we discussed* the issue this week. "You can't play Test cricket like this. You must have consistent accuracy, bowling down a particular channel. *We were able to put this into operation* from the first Test in Brisbane."

The "channel" principle has become established, *with the players elaborating* the analogy by talking of steamers on or off course. Small, by all accounts, has had an excellent trip. *At the same time, the party* has responded to Stewart's common-sense discussions about batting, about being aware of what was expected of them and their duty to each other. This may sound to be obvious and a cliché. Yet, however much cricket has liked to consider itself as the same coherent, orderly and gentlemanly sport, its players are no less immune to irresponsibility than footballers, whatever their *accent or education*.

Stewart played in eight Tests, captained Surrey, was manager for four seasons of *Corinthian-Casuals* and sales *manager* of Slazenger for another four years before returning to the Oval as team manager of Surrey.

"It's important when starting an innings that you *know* where your off stump is," he said; "That you are looking for the opportunity to leave balls, that you are aiming to play strokes into the 'V' 45 degrees *either side of the bowler*, rather than square of the wicket as you would in a slower bounce in England."

Gower was caught at cover square cutting a rising shot on Wednesday, but Lamb and Gatting ensured England's victory – after Broad was absurdly given out caught *behind from a ball off his hip – by playing* a commendably straight bat down the wicket.

Peter Roebuck has said in the past that there is a disinclination among some contemporary professional captains to give strict orders to their peers. One sensed this was true of Gower, and it may be true of Gatting. On this tour, the team has caught well, and this is, in part, undoubtedly *due to* Stewart's regular fielding practice, taking the players out in the middle before a match for slip catching off the bat. Nowadays, *they are waiting to go even before he asks.*

"I believe cricket has the lowest standard technically of all the major sports," Stewart said provocatively. *It is a view calculated to* shock a *self-estimation of one or two of* those who regard themselves as national figures of eminence, yet the opinion is quite correct.

Only rugby, with its haphazard technical training and its over-emphasis on physique, is more casual in its attitude to efficiency. *International golfers*, tennis players, athletes and even footballers leave cricket way behind in their hours devoted to practice when already at the top of their game.

One of Stewart's functions has been to try to take the pressure off Gatting, especially from the media; which is something, for example, that the tour manager cannot do to the same extent.

Whatever the current state of the Australian team, Stewart believes that the production of Test players in England lags behind that of most of their rivals. "The style of the game in England is to give a great deal *of enjoyment* every weekend to thousands of players," he says. "But this

England lagging behind in producing Test players

means that the good *players* never play with and against each other at an early stage of life, the way they do in the West Indies, Australia and India. *In* Australia, clubs have under-14 matches which last two days, so that a boy can bat a whole day and learn *how to play*.

"Up until the seventies, England's full-time professionals and amateurs had been playing *against part-time grade* cricketers from Australia – and the Australians had won more Tests that we had! Our full-time players were *less* successful than Australian doctors, lawyers, plumbers and carpenters playing on a Saturday. Since the sixties, the environment of the game has changed so much, yet the principles of batting and bowling remain the same."

England, encouraged by Stewart, have *commendably demonstrated this factor on* the present tour. Stewart had to give Insole and Subba Row his assurance beforehand *that he would be available for the next three* years if they decided to appoint a full-time manager. Their decision has been made for them.

Tour operators: The key men behind England's string of successes. Stewart (left), Lush (top right), and Gatting (above right)

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Question mark over defender final trials

From Barry Pickthall
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After a protest hearing that ran for six hours yesterday, the international jury disqualified Colin Beashel and his crew aboard Australia IV for baulking Kookaburra III in their final round-robin match on Wednesday, but failed to decide whether to re-open the hearing against the Alan Bond boat for flying their "gennaker" incorrectly last Saturday.

That argument, which threatens *to move from the protest* room to the Supreme Court on Monday if the jury fail to hear *fresh evidence from* the Taskforce 10 syndicate today, leaves a question mark over which boats will meet in the final defender trials due to begin on Wednesday.

Iain Murray, the project director of the Taskforce 10 group and skipper of Kookaburra III, claims that the protest jury overstepped their authority when ruling in favour of the Bond crew's methods of flying their radical sail after Britain's Tony Watts, the IYRU's chief measurer, had advised otherwise.

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Kookaburra II	22	16	70

The jurors found that the asymmetric reaching sail, which is measured as a genoa and *projects a greater area of sail* than a spinnaker, had been tacked down during the race variously to the end of the spinnaker pole, to the normal genoa tack *position* and *on a* variable length tack line passing through a pad eye located 0.22 *metres* behind the forestay.

Watts stepped aboard the Bond boat immediately after Saturday's race and in his report to the Jury wrote: "... although *the rule does not govern how the* sail is actually set, for the purposes of measurement, it is assumed to be tacked down in its usual position at the forward end of J (forestay attachment point at the bow) or on the spinnaker pole."

If a sail is tacked down further aft, its foot length would have to be accordingly shorter. The Jury however, ruled that it was not unreasonable for Australia IV to slack off the tack line for a short period.

It is an argument that has great significance for Australia IV and the strength of the *Australian defence in general. If* the Jury decide to re-open the hearing tonight and find in favour of the Taskforce crew, the Bond camp will be out of the America's Cup, leaving the two Kookaburra boats to stage-manage the finals.

A closely fought final between Australia IV and Kookaburra III is certain to hone the winning crew into a razor-sharp fighting force – but a final staged *between two friendly crews* who know they will be merged for the Cup races themselves can only lead to apathy and over-confidence.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

ATHLETICS: Cosford games.
BADMINTON: Middlesex under-18 tournament (at Stamford Hill).
BASKETBALL: Milk international tournament (at Belfast). Carlsberg National League: Men's first division: Leicester Riders v HFS Portsmouth (8.0).
GOLF: President's Putter (at Rye).
HOCKEY: Women's home countries indoor tournament (at Cardiff).
RACKETS: Amateur singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
REAL TENNIS: Professionals' doubles and women's doubles championships (at Canford School); Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington); Father and son's doubles (at Leamington).
SKIING: English and Welsh Universities alpine championships (at Alpe d'Huez, France).
SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).
SQUASH RACKETS: Home internationals (at Cardiff); Grantham open tournament.
VOLLEYBALL: Pickfords international tournament (at Alexandra Pavilion): England v Sweden (5.0); Japan v Norway (7.0); Cuba v East Germany (9.0).

CRICKET

Indoor game attracts £300,000 sponsorship

By Richard Streeton

Australia's own brand of indoor cricket became firmly established in *Britain* yesterday when Foster's Lager announced a £300,000 sponsorship to set up a *national* league. Around 20,000 people are already playing this version of the game, which was only introduced at Nottingham in 1983.

A National Indoor Cricket Federation was formed last month. Now 17 established centres, split into three regional zones, will form the inaugural league for a competitive programme. By April four semi-finalists will have emerged to compete *for* £3,000 *prize* money.

The sponsors believe it will prove to be the fastest growth *sport of any indoor recreation* of its era. In Australia more than 350,000 people now play regularly in the major cities since the game was introduced eight years ago.

With eight players in each team, a soft ball, no pads, and with everyone having to bowl and bat, the Australian version is different from English *six-a-side indoor cricket*.

REGIONAL ZONES: Northern: Hull, Rochdale, Manchester, Warrington, Sheffield and Derby. Midlands: Nottingham, Wellingborough, Peterborough, Leicester, Cradley Heath and Walsall. Southern: Ipswich, Tottenham, Hounslow, Totton and Fareham.

Criticism forces top umpires to retire

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

Denzil Bezuidenhout and Oswald Schoof, two of the best *umpires in South Africa, have* decided simultaneously that they will retire immediately from umpiring in first-class cricket. Their decision comes after concerted criticism from both captains, Clive Rice and Kim Hughes, of the umpiring *standards* in the first two representative matches of the unofficial Australians' tour.

Bezuidenhout and Schoof stood in the second of these matches at Newlands this week, and Bezuidenhout said yesterday that during it they had decided to retire. South Africa's isolation from international cricket has affected the quality of their umpiring. Rice, captain *of South Africa, said the game* had so evolved since World Series Cricket that umpiring standards had been left a long way behind.

When asked who he would like to see umpiring the next representative match, Rice said: "Dicky Bird and David Constant. I have always said umpires here are not good enough. Players practise but they do not."

The umpires for the third match in the series between South Africa and the Australians, starting in Durban next week, have yet to be appointed.

FINAL TEST MATCH AVERAGES

INDIA

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
D B Vengsarkar	3	3	0	376	166	125.33	2	1	2
Kapil Dev	3	3	1	234	163	117.00	1	1	2
S M Gavaskar	3	3	0	255	176	85.00	1	1	2
M Amarnath	2	2	0	169	131	84.50	1	–	3
R M Lamba	3	3	0	101	53	33.66	–	1	1
K Srikkanth	3	3	0	62	40	20.66	–	–	6
R J Shastri	3	3	0	37	19	12.33	–	–	3
B Arun	2	2	1	4	2*	4.00	–	–	1
N S Yadav	2	1	0	4	4	4.00	–	–	1
Maninder Singh	3	1	0	2	2	2.00	–	–	–
K S More	3	1	1	6	6*	–	–	–	1/1

Played in two matches but did not bat: C Sharma. Played in one match: *M Azharuddin 199 (1ct)*.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
N S Yadav	61.1	19	150	11	13.63	5-76	1	–
Maninder Singh	103.5	33	279	18	15.50	7-51	1	1
R J Shastri	44	12	115	5	23.00	4-11	–	–
Kapil Dev	88	22	231	9	25.66	4-69	–	–
B Arun	42	12	115	4	28.75	3-76	–	–
C Sharma	41	4	162	3	54.00	2-122	–	–

Also bowled: K Srikkanth 1-0-4-0.

SRI LANKA

Batting and fielding

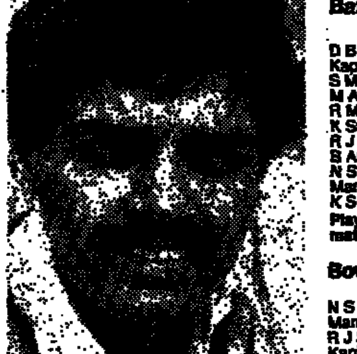
	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct/St
J R Ratnayeke	3	5	0	206	93	41.20	–	2	–
R J Ratnayeke	2	4	2	60	32*	30.00	–	–	–
A Ranatunga	3	5	0	148	59	29.60	–	2	–
R L Dias	3	5	0	116	50	23.20	–	1	–
A P Gurusinghe	3	5	0	113	40	22.60	–	–	1
S Wettimuny	3	5	0	109	79	21.80	–	1	1
P A de Silva	3	5	0	95	33	19.00	–	–	2
L R D Mendis	3	5	0	76	39	15.20	–	–	–
E A R de Silva	3	5	0	57	21	11.40	–	–	–
R G de Alwis	3	5	0	14	13	2.80	–	–	2

Played in one match: A L F de Mel 25; B R Jurangpathy 0, 0 (2ct); S D Anurasiri 0*, 0*; G Labrooy 5*.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
A P Gurusinghe	12	1	67	2	33.50	2-25	–	–
J R Ratnayeke	92.4	9	306	9	34.00	5-85	1	–
R J Ratnayeke	85	8	238	3	79.33	2-139	–	–
E A R de Silva	118	16	338	1	338.00	1-91	–	–

Also bowled: S D Anurasiri 26-3-71-4; B R Jurangpathy 21-3-69-1; A L F de Mel 31-4-119-1; G Labrooy 35-4-164-1; A Ranatunga 25-7-67-0; S Wettimuny 2-0-15-0.



Vengsarkar: two centuries

BOWLS

Wiltshire seeking a double

By Gordon Allan

Wiltshire, the outdoor county champions, have so far beaten Gloucestershire (minus Tony Allcock) and Devon in their quest for the indoor title this winter.

In the quarter-final round of the Prudential Liberty Trophy tomorrow, *they play* Somerset at the neutral venue of the Malvern Hills club. The only *change in* their team is the return of Arthur Jackson, who was unavailable for *the Devon* match. He is No. 2 in Howard Pryse's rink.

Seventeen of the 24 Wiltshire players, including five of the six skips – Pryse, Alec Pullin, Joe Squires, Mel Bigs and Cecil Exton – appeared in the Middleton Cup final last August, and 13 featured in the Liberty Trophy final of 1984, when Wiltshire beat Lincolnshire.

Another Wiltshire-Lincolnshire final is a possibility. In the opposite half of the draw Lincolnshire play Norfolk, last season's runners up, at Northampton, and the winners will *meet either* Northumberland or Durham who, because of travel difficulties, have agreed to play on a home and away basis, at Newcastle and Stanley, instead *of on a neutral green. Kent, the* holders, play Middlesex at Egham. The semi-finals are on February 14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly named as new Great Britain coach

By Keith Macklin

As was confidently anticipated and predicted Malcolm Reilly, the Castleford coach, was yesterday named as the new Great Britain coach, and will take charge of the squad immediately for the World Cup game against France at Headingley *on January* 24. *This* represents a sensible change of policy by the League, since it had originally been decided that Maurice Bamford would remain in charge for the two internationals against France. Reilly will remain in office until the *end of the* Australasian tour and World Cup finals in the summer of 1988.

Reilly, who pronounces his name Reely, is going to have a very busy 1987. In addition to *his new Great Britain* responsibilities, he will remain coach at Castleford until the end of the season. "We've won the Yorkshire Cup, and we are the *Challenge Cup holders*, we're chasing the championship and other honours, and I don't want to pull out in mid-season." Reilly said yesterday. He will also continue with his *job as a* brewery representative and become full-time coach with Great Britain at the end of the season.

Reilly has an impressive pedigree both as a player and as a *coach. He won nine caps* for Great Britain, and was a member of the last British squad to win an international series against *Australia in 1970*, when the series was played Down Under. He stayed in Australia for three years with the Manly-Warringha club, and returned to become player-coach for Castleford in 1974. He has remained there ever since and is *easily the longest-serving coach* currently in the game.

He won the job against competition *from Roger Millward* of Hull Kingston Rovers, Alex Murphy of St. Helens and Peter Fox, *now temporarily out of the* game following his surprise sacking by Leeds.

Reilly was a tough and vigorous back row forward who has in recent years learned to con*trol a hair-trigger temper* that in the past got him into trouble in Australia with both sporting and civil authorities.

After the announcement yesterday he said: "I want to be a *winner against Australia* as a coach just as I was as a player. It will be a severe wrench to leave Castleford, but a coach's greatest ambition is always to lead his *country*."

● Leigh yesterday failed in an attempt to persuade Wigan to exchange *Michael* Ford, the Wigan scrum half, for Des Drummond, Leigh's *international* winger who is in dispute with the club. Wigan would not agree to paying Leigh a cash adjustment.

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Court of Appeal

'Adoptive' in immigration context

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Tohur Ali

Before Mr Justice Hodgson

[Judgment December 19]

The word "adoptive" in its natural meaning and in the context of rule 50 of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (February 1983; HC 169), was to be *construed in its* wide meaning and did not connote any legally recognizable adoptive process.

In considering whether there had been an adoption under the rule, the primary concern of the inquiry was whether there had been a permanent assumption by the adopter of all parental duties towards the adopted person.

Furthermore, if the applicant did not satisfy the criteria with regard to the adoptive parent, consideration had to be given as to whether, under the rule, he satisfied the criteria that the proposed sponsor was a relative.

Mr Justice Hodgson so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when *he quashed the decision* of the tribunal, dated April 2, 1985, when it dismissed the applicant's *appeal from* the decisions of an adjudicator and an entry clearance officer refusing an *application* for entry clearance to settle in the UK as the dependent adopted son of the sponsor, *Hushar Ullah*. The case was remitted to the tribunal for reconsideration.

Rule 50 *provides*: "... children under 18, provided that they are unmarried, are to be admitted for settlement ... (f) if one parent or a relative other than a parent is settled or accepted for settlement in the United Kingdom and there are *serious* and compelling family or other considerations which make exclusion undesirable ... In this paragraph 'parent' ... also includes an adoptive parent, *but only* where there has been a genuine transfer of parental responsibility on the ground of the original parents' inability to care for the child, and *the adoption* is not one of convenience arranged to facilitate the child's admission."

Mr Alper Riza for the applicant; Mr Robert Jay for the tribunal.

MR *JUSTCE* HODGSON said that the applicant, who was born in Bangladesh, and the sponsor were related, the sponsor's father being the nephew of the applicant's *real father*. The sponsor had arrived for settlement in 1970.

Although the adjudicator had accepted on the evidence that the sponsor had been genuine in taking over the responsibility for the applicant's upbringing when his real father had died, she had concluded that it was not a *de facto* adoption but rather more akin to a fostering by a family unit. That conclusion was *accepted* by the tribunal

His Lordship said that the question was whether the use of "adoptive" in rule 50 connoted a relationship from a legally recognizable adoptive process, and the construction of the rule had to be done "sensibly according to the natural meaning of the language which is employed" (see Lord Roskill in *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Alexander* ([1982] 1 WLR 1076, 1080)).

Also, there was no legally recognizable adoption process in Islamic law.

The word "adopt" in its ordinary meaning did not connote any legal process, and until the Aoption of Children Act 1926 there was no legally adoptive process known to English law.

In its natural meaning therefore and in the context of rule 50 which dealt with the children of parents, step-parents, parents of illegitimate children and relatives other than parents and was concerned with child dependency, his Lordship would construe it *in its wide sense*, so that it was not there limited to cases where there had been some legally recognizable adoptive process.

His Lordship, having considered *provisions* in the Immigration Act 1971 where adoption was relevant, found that the 1971 Act clearly distinguished between legally adopted children and children not legally adopted. Further, the provisions of section 5(4) seemed to show that the Act recognized, for the *purpose* of section 5(4), adoptions which were not the result of any legally recognizable process.

The subsection seemed to draw a clear distinction between those adoptions which extinguished the rights of the natural parents and those which *did* not. And his Lordship could not believe that a construction of the section would be accepted which deprived the secretary of state of his power to deport the infant adopted son of a *Muslim* parent whom he had decided to deport because there had been no legally recognizable process of adoption.

In *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Narinder Kaur* (unreported, July 23, 1984) Mr Justice Woolf said *obiter*, in a case where the issue whether the applicant's parents were her adoptive parents was clearly before the court, that counsel for the secretary of state had rightly conceded that even though there had been no legal form of adoption procedure, it was possible for a parent to adopt a child and for that child to be treated as the adoptive *child of the parents*.

The tribunal considered that it was not bound by that decision but his Lordship's conclusions that "adoptive" in the rule did not connote any legally adoptive process was based on the rule itself, the provisions of the 1971 Act and the observations of Mr Justice Woolf.

His Lordship did not think that that would add substantially to the difficulties, already *great*, of entry clearance officers in considering applications under the dependency provisions in rules 46-53.

It was not necessarily helpful to draw the distinction between *fostering* and *adoption*; adoption was intended to be a permanent assumption by the *adopter* of all parental duties towards the adopted person.

In considering whether there *had been an adoption under* rule 50 it was the question of permanency which should be the primary concern.

Finally, the tribunal should have considered the application of rule 50, though it had not been specifically asked to, in respect of a "relation other than a parent" if it was satisfied that the sponsor was not an "adoptive parent".

Solicitors: Sushma Lal, Manchester: Treasury Solicitor

Clean break provision paramount

Suter v Suter and Jones

Before Lord Justice May and Sir Roualeyn *Cumming-Bruce*

[Judgment December 19]

The requirement imposed by section 25(1) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (as inserted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984), that in deciding whether to exercise its powers under section 23, 24 or 24A (to make orders for financial provision or transfer of property upon a divorce) the court should give "first consideration" to the welfare of any children, did not make the welfare of any minor children the paramount or overriding consideration.

Section 25A of the 1973 Act, as inserted, *imposed* on the court a mandatory duty in every case where an order for periodi*cal payments in favour of* a party to a marriage was sought under section 23, even where *there were minor children*, to consider whether a "clean break" was appropriate im*mediately* or at some *future* date.

The Court of Appeal so held *in a reserved judgment*, allowing an appeal by Mr James Anthony Suter from an order of Wey*mouth County Court* (*Deputy Judge* David Pennant) which on February 20 had dimissed his appeal *from the registrar's order* that he pay periodical payments of £100 a month to his former wife, Mrs Pauline Ann Suter.

Mr Alan Ward, QC and Mr Timothy Coombes for the husband; Mr George Brown *for the* wife.

SIR ROUALEYN CUMMING-BRUCE said that section 25A had enshrined in statute law the principle that after dissolution of marriage a time might have come or could be foreseen when the party in *whose favour financial* provision had been made could so adjust her life as to attain sufficient financial independence to enable her to live without undue hardship without any further financial dependence on the other party.

In Pearce v Pearce ((1980) 1 FLR 261) and *Moore v Moore* ((1981) 11 Fam Law 108, 109) the *Court of Appeal had* observed that where there were children for whom the parties shared a continuing obligation there was likely to be little or no room for the parents to have a "clean break" from each other.

The judgments in those cases were now to be read with the provisions of section 25A in mind. Although the parties might have to cooperate with each other over children *still* dependent upon them, it might be possible to recognize a date when the party *in whose* favour the order was made would be able to adjust without undue hardship to the *termination of* financial dependence on the other party.

The judge below had therefore been wrong to observe that a "clean break" was impossible *until the children had grown up*. On the evidence, though, it would be premature to terminate the husband's financial obligations to the wife at this stage.

The duty of the court under section 25(1) as amended was to "have *regard to all the* circumstances of the case, first consideration being given to the welfare *while a* minor to any child of the family" under 18. Section 25(2) provided that the court should in particular have regard to the matters set out in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*h*).

Having regard to *the prominence* which the consideration of the welfare of the children was given *in section* 25(1), his Lordship collected an intention that that consideration was to be regarded as *of first importance*, to be borne in mind throughout consideration of all the circumstances, *particularly those listed* in section 25(2).

If, however, it had been *intended to be paramount*, overriding all other considerations pointing to a just result, *Parliament would have said so*.

It had not, and the section was to be construed as requiring the *court to consider all the circumstances* including those in section 25(2), always bearing in mind the *important* consideration of the welfare of the children, and then to try to attain a financial result which was just as between husband *and wife*.

The judge had therefore been wrong to treat the interests of the children as paramount, and the Court of Appeal was accordingly entitled to exercise the discretion afresh. The order for periodical payments would be reduced to £1 per annum.

Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Wickham & Lloyd Edwards, Portland; Curtis, Torpoint.

Taxi driver tasked on tax return

Coy v Kime (Inspector of Taxes)

A London taxi cab driver who failed to satisfy general commissioners of the *accuracy* of his weekly records of takings had no legitimate grounds for complaining of having his Schedule D tax assessments for the past five years increased.

Judge John Finlay, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court in the Chancery Division, so held dismissing an appeal by Mr Anthony Coy from determinations by Tottenham general commissioners in relation to the years of assessment 1981 to 1985 inclusive.

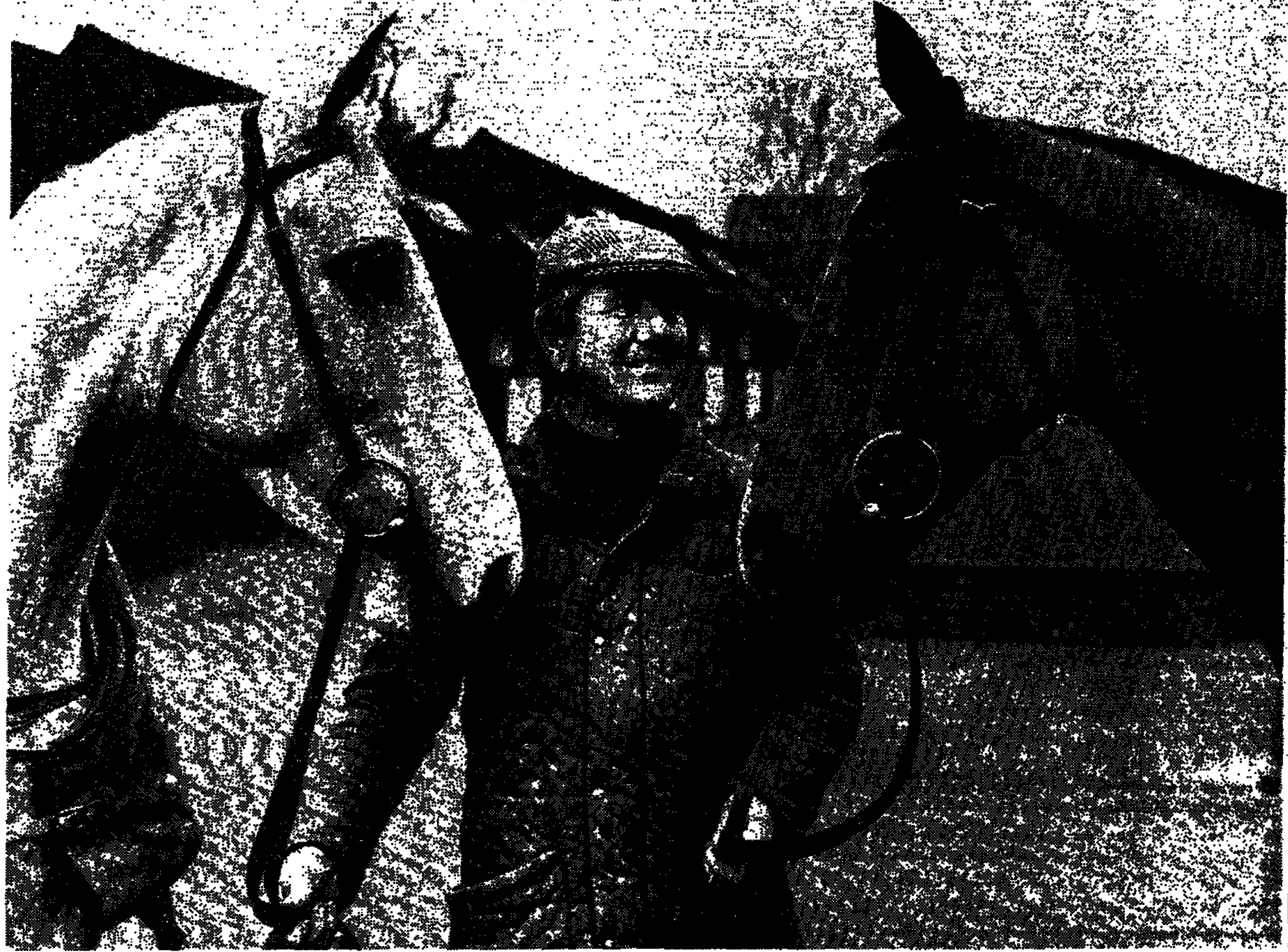
HIS LORDSHIP said *that* the commissioners, having heard Mr Coy's evidence, decided that they were not satisfied that *the* notebook he produced and which consistently showed daily takings of £24, £25 or £26 was accurate.

The tax inspector had used a family expenditure survey published by the Department of Employment to compute Mr Coy's probable living expenses: that computation showed a deficit between such expenses and his declared income.

On the material before them the commissioners were clearly entitled to increase the assessments raised on Mr Coy for the years under appeal. His appeal was dismissed.

Michael Seely catches up with David Elsworth at his Hampshire headquarters

Natural talent blooming in a training paradise



Pride and joy: The master of Whitsbury, David Elsworth, takes time out to parade his star steeplechasers, Desert Orchid (left) and Combs Ditch (Photo: Ian Stewart)

David Elsworth's face loomed into close-up on the video screen. "Desert Orchid, a certainty for the King George," he said with a knowing wink. Unfortunately, that priceless information was not being disseminated for public consumption on the eve of the flying grey's spectacular 15-length victory at Kempton on Boxing Day; it was merely part of a fun home movie, filmed during a party in the Elsworths' snug and comfortable house at Whitsbury on Christmas Day.

On the occasion of my visit to Hampshire, this quick-moving rubber ball of a man was still high on the adrenalin of one of the most intoxicating moments of his eight-year career as a dual-purpose trainer. And, as the master of ceremonies pressed the slow motion button at the second fence, we watched with awe the almost jet-propelled parabola as Desert Orchid took off outside the wings, cleared the jump with feet to spare, and landed running.

To be fair, Elsworth had made no secret of his confidence beforehand. "There's far too much talk and theory about racing," he said. "People had become hypnotized by the Forgive'N Forget, Wayward Lad and Cybrandian form. To my mind it was highly suspect, and I was certain that Desert Orchid would stay three miles on that particular course."

Leaning back on the sofa with a glass of whisky in his hand, the centre of the jumping world's attention in the past few weeks discussed his philosophies and beliefs. Now aged 48, much has happened since he joined Alec Kilpatrick at Collingbourne Ducis at the age of 15.

The story of one of the sport's most flamboyant character's early struggles is already well documented. Life was tough in a racing stable in the fifties and his hands still bear the scars of chilblains acquired turning over a mountain of carrots on several freezing nights. "Even in those days I was a bit of a know-all," he recalls. "I was watching horses and learning all the time. But deep down inside I thought I knew better than the guv'nor."

A 15-year start as a not particularly successful jockey hardly justified the innate confidence of this highly-strung but determined individualist. Winners were always hard to come by and he remembers vividly his second riding double on Indulgent and Will Oblige at Newton Abbot in April, 1972. "I had a small double on the pair but I'd gone for a right touch on Will Oblige at 8-1. I was so relieved when the race was over that I had to rush away into a corner to be sick."

The trainer's emotions have always lain close to the surface. He suffered the same reaction after the birth of his first son, Simon. And many years later, tears of pride filled his eyes when the indomitable Combs Ditch came back from the dead to beat Indamelody over hurdles at Cheltenham following a season's absence from the track.

However, hardiness of spirit and resilience are the key elements in Elsworth's character. He was assistant to Colonel Ricky Vallance when Red Candle beat Red Rum in the 1972 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and was out in the wilderness for three years when the trainer lost his licence over the controversial victory of Well Briefed at Devon and Exeter the following year. During this period, he ran dress material stalls at Wantage and Devizes markets and later opened a livery yard at Durrington.

Learning from three years in the racing wilderness

"That experience taught me a lot and made me grow up," he said. "Of course jobs are pulled in racing, but that certainly wasn't one of them. We'd backed Johnny Haine when he'd previously ridden the horse at Fontwell. It wasn't a fair decision. But then life rarely is fair and we mustn't expect it to be."

Since then Elsworth has made his own luck and called his own shots. And during his five years at Whitsbury, on a part of Chris Harper's estate south of Fordingbridge, the graph of his progress has taken a steady upward curve. During the 1985-86 National Hunt campaign, he earned £106,000 for his patrons and in the 1986 Flat season won a further £140,000. Peter Easterby is the only other trainer to have accomplished a similar feat.

The trainer's flair and patience first became evident with such talented performers as Heighlin, Lesley Ann, Combs Ditch, and more recently, Floyd. Heighlin demonstrated his versatility by winning the Goodwood Cup as well as the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. And although Combs Ditch's future now hangs in the balance, the evergreen 11-year-old won the Still Fork Trucks Gold Cup at Cheltenham and also beat Door Latch and Forgive'N Forget in the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock last season. He has also twice finished runner-up in the King George behind Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad.

Elsworth's top-hatted figure is no stranger to the winner's enclosure at Royal Ascot either. In 1983, he landed the coveted double of the Royal Hunt Cup and Wokingham Stakes with Mighty Fly and Melindra when Angela Winfield became the only serving policewoman to lead in a winner at the meeting. And in 1984, Brian Rouse rode Miss Silca Key to victory in the Jersey Stakes.

Mighty Fly, like Combs Ditch, was bred by Jim and Ann Tory but he had previously failed to reach a 1,600 guineas reserve at the sales. "Melindra was a bit of a mongrel," said the trainer. "She only cost 400 guineas at Ascot."

The fact that many of Elsworth's horses keep their zest for racing over several seasons pays eloquent tribute to his skill. "The most important thing about horses is to train their minds," he explained. "Physically they always develop if you give them time. Mentally they're just like young people. If you give a child with a good brain too much work too soon, he'll end up not going to school and not wanting to learn because you've overfaced him.

'The most important thing is to train their minds'

"It's the same with horses. If you throw them in at the deep end too soon, you'll frighten them and give them nervous breakdowns." Talking about Desert Orchid, he said: "He was an absolute tearaway when he first raced over hurdles. But due to the endless trouble taken by Rodney Bolt, my head lad, who rides him in most of his work, and by Colin Brown, we eventually got him to relax and settle. That's why he stayed three miles at Kempton."

Whitsbury is a paradise in which to train with its 150 acres of Hampshire downland grass, its two all-weather gallops, and the well-built schooling fences and hurdles. Thirty-five of the 70 horses are stabled in boxes behind the house and the remainder in buildings higher up the hill. Here too is an ultra-modern office, complete with computer, Prestel television, and all the equipment and books needed by a modern-day trainer.

This is presided over by the 34-year-old Chris Hill, a former civil servant and later a production manager in a cable and wireless company. "Chris looks after the business side of things, and I get on with training the horses," Elsworth explained.

He is under no illusions about the competition he faces, particularly on the Flat. His owners now include Sir Gordon Brunton, Kais Al-Said, Ali Abu Khamsin, Robert Sangster and Bob McCreery, all drawn to the stable by its growing success. "I suppose I'm in the first division over jumps but I'm only around the top of the second division on the Flat," Elsworth said.

"Nowadays racing is all about breeding and not prize money. That's where the big money lies. I need one good horse to make the breakthrough. I pay a high rent, have a £500,000 turnover, and have to borrow from the bank. But I live in a nice house, and I'm never short of a fiver. It's a marvellous way of life going up on the downs every morning. I'm a very lucky man.

"This yard has always had the reputation of being a gambling stable," he went on. "Some of my owners do bet heavily but I only occasionally have a go when the odds are right. The longer the price, the bigger the bet is my motto. And opportunities only occur by chance, when a horse has been wrong, and consequently been dropped in the handicap, or something like that. That's when I have my few bob on."

Naheez will hopefully be the stable's chief standard-bearer when Flat racing recommences. The Horris Hill winner will be prepared for the 2,000 Guineas but may well turn out to be better over 1½ miles. "He was the best two-year-old I've had since Foam Bath," he added.

Barnbrook Again travelled to Ireland yesterday for The Ladbroke, Europe's richest handicap hurdle at Leopardstown tomorrow. "I'd be very confident if so many of my horses weren't coughing," said the trainer realistically. "He worked tremendously well with Hypnosis on Tuesday morning and if he gives his running, what beats him will win."

Confidence in Barnbrook Again for The Ladbroke

Janie, the trainer's dark and attractive wife, presides over a bustling and lived-in household. That evening, Jessie, their 2½-year-old daughter, was riding her rocking horse and reluctant to go to bed. The manner in which the trainer alternatively coaxed and teased the recalcitrant infant into her pyjama suit took less time than it takes to say Desert Orchid.

It reminded me irresistibly of the proverb about the way of a man with a horse, and the way of a man with a woman. David Raymond Cecil Elsworth certainly has what it takes to make a vital and warm-hearted human being as well as well as being a natural master of his craft.

OLYMPIC GAMES

USSR give a hint of acceptance of Seoul

By Sydney Friskin

The Soviet Union, who withdrew from the 1984 Olympic Games at Los Angeles, have raised hopes that they will play in the 1988 games in Seoul by their decision to take part in a six-nation invitation Olympic warm-up hockey tournament, according the the Korea Hockey Association.

According to the Yang Sun-jin, the association's secretary general, all the five countries to whom invitations have been sent — the Soviet Union, The Netherlands, West Germany, Australia and Great Britain — have expressed their willingness to join South Korea in this tournament for men and women in Seoul from September 9 to 17.

North Korea, a close Soviet ally, has threatened to organize a communist-led boycott of the Olympics unless its demands to host some events are accepted. Moscow has no diplomatic relations with South Korea and is unhappy about the choice of Seoul as the Olympic venue.

However, Roger Self, the Great Britain team manager, while confirming yesterday that an invitation had been received by Britain, added that it was for women only. "They may now have decided to extend the invitation to men as well," Self added, "but I do not see how we can take it up as all the Home Countries will be thinking of the European Championship, which is to be played about a month earlier."

Officials of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee told Reuters, the news-agency, of South Korea's plans to stage several pre-Olympic events this year, including a 44-nation yachting meet in September in Pusan and a 28-nation canoeing event in October in Seoul.

Great Britain's hockey team will play in the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam — a qualifying event for the Olympic Games — from June 18 to 28, after which England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland will go separately to Moscow for the European Championships, which start on August 20.

BOXING

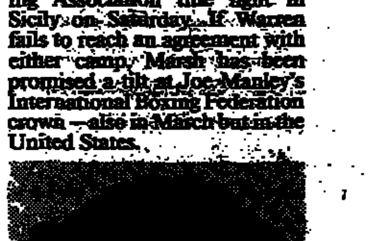
Marsh in line for title bid

Terry Marsh, the fighting fireman from Basildon, is one bout away from a world light-welterweight title challenge.

Marsh has recovered from a broken nose suffered at work two months ago and will have his first fight of the year against an opponent yet to be named at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on January 28.

Marsh, stripped of his European title after being unable to go through with a defence because of the injury, has been told by manager, Frank Warren, that if he wins he will get his world title chance in his home town of Basildon, possibly on March 4 or 7.

His opponent will be the winner of the Patricio Oliva v Rodolfo Gonzales World Boxing Association title fight in Sicily on Saturday. If Warren fails to reach an agreement with either camp, Marsh has been promised a tilt at Joe Manley's International Boxing Federation crown — also in March but in the United States.



Marsh: one bout away

Threat to Satellite agreement is denied by Beard

By Michael Seely

John Beard, the chief executive of Satellite Information Services, yesterday strongly denied newspaper reports that the agreement currently being finalized between the Racecourse Association and his company to provide live transmission of racing to betting shops is threatened by an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.

"There is no truth in the suggestion that the delay has been caused by inquiries being made of the company by the OFT. There has been communication between us, but we have been advised that the company has not entered into any agreement which could give rise to concern," he said.

Talking about the progress that has been made and announcing details of their start up plans, Beard continued: "The SIS studio in Corsham Street is now finished and is one of the most advanced of its kind in Europe. Well known names in television and radio broadcasting have been appointed to present the programme, details of whom will be announced shortly.

"To date, over 70 per cent of betting offices have indicated their wish to receive the SIS service and major countrywide surveys are being undertaken by British Telecom to ensure that as many shops as possible are able to switch on to the service as soon as possible.

Beard went on: "We are scheduling the service to start on May 1, with test broadcasts commencing some four weeks earlier. This is mainly due to the flood of applicants wishing to take the service in recent months and our clear objective is to provide the service to all bookmakers within a given area at the same time."

Discussing the situation Sir Peter Leng, the chairman of the RCA said: "We are very anxious for the "heads of agreement" or preliminary contract to be signed. The whole concept of satellite television has provided a tremendous boost to morale and our plans for improvements to racecourses and other services are already under way. But we are unable to get going until this first step has been taken." It is understood that the preliminary contract will be signed in a fortnight's time.

The basis of SIS's advice that they have nothing to fear from OFT or indeed from the Competition Directorate in Brussels is that the final deal will be a non-exclusive contract in that there will be nothing to prevent any other company from offering a similar service. But the opposition claim that this is just playing with words and that in the event of successful completion a "natural" monopoly will exist as no other company would be in a position to raise the necessary £25 million

The proposed composition of SIS is that the big four bookmakers will own 45 per cent of the equity, the Tote 5 per cent and the RCA 10 per cent. The remaining 40 per cent of shares are being offered to independent companies and Schroeders, the merchant bankers, are in the process of drawing up a prospectus. An additional safeguard to racing's interests is that the RCA are retaining a right of veto over vital issues.

Kenneth Young, the chairman of Exchange Telegraph, who was SIS's main rival in the bidding for the contract refused to make any comment. "We are still interested in introducing such a service but matters are now at a very delicate stage," he said.

There is no doubt that widespread concern is felt about the situation and it is also thought that despite SIS's protest to the contrary, both the OFT and our counterparts in Brussels have not yet finalized their position.

To summarise the opposition's argument, they claim that the completion of the RCA/SIS agreement will give for the first time the big four and the Tote control of communications for TV, audio-broadcast and text display between racecourses, greyhound tracks and the off-course cash betting market, which they already dominate. They point out that in the long run this can only result in the bookmakers consolidating their already over-powerful position.

Stepaside Lord well supported

There will be 22 runners in The Ladbroke, Europe's richest handicap hurdle, at Leopardstown tomorrow. Deep Idol and Shannon Spray, both expected withdrawals, were the only horses taken out at the 48-hour, and final, declaration stage yesterday.

Barnbrook Again, trained by David Elsworth, remains favourite at 11-2 but the main ante-post interest concerned the Neil McGrath-trained Stepaside Lord, who looks particularly well weighted on his close fourth to Derrymore Boy over course and distance last week. He was supported from 8-1 to 7-1, a quote he shares with Derrymore Boy.

Stepaside Lord has just been bought privately by Paul Green, who also owns the recent Leopardstown winner, Very Promising, and will join David Nicholson's stable after the race.

Another British challenger, Yabis, was backed at 20-1 and is now to 16-1. His trainer John Edwards has still to finalize a jockey and is likely to wait until the prospects for racing in this country tomorrow are known.

LEOPARDSTOWN FIELD

Going: good

3.0 THE LADBROKE (Handicap hurdle: grade I: IR£32,700: 2m) (22 runners)

1	0-30	BONALMA A Moore 7 12 0	T J Taaffe
2	2-31	CATS EYES (B) M Pipe 7 11 9	P Leach
3	1212	BARNBROOK AGAIN D Elsworth 6 11 8	C Brown
4	4-03	CHRYSAOR S Christian 9 11 7	N Dwyer
5	4-21	THE ILLIAD H Scott 6 11 7	J Shortt
6	-431	YABIS J Edwards 6 11 2	—
7	0-31	DERRYMORE BOY P Mullins 5 11 1	A Mullins
8	00F0	MARC MILLAR E J Kearns 6 10 13	A J O'Brien
9	0-14	SON OF IVOR (B) D K Weld 5 10 12	T Carmody
10	1023	KIORA (B) E P Harty 6 10 11	N Madden
11	3-43	THE MUSICAL PRIEST Miss E Purcell 5 10 10	T Morgan
12	-001	CLOVER HILL LAD P Hughes 5 10 4	F Berry
13	-222	HELYNSAR W Rock 6 10 4	A Powell
14	00-0	CLUSHEEN P Mullins 6 10 2	P Kavanagh
15	-002	ABBEY GLEN W Harney 5 10 1	J J Maher
16	3402	FOUR TRIX J R Cox 6 10 1	J P Byrne
17	1014	STEPASIDE LORD N McGrath 5 10 1	M Flynn
18	0321	COLONEL JAMES A McNamara 5 10 0	K F O'Brien
19	0-30	DOTIS DICTIO J P Harty 5 10 0	T G McCourt
20	-102	FAIROGAN (B) D Hughes 7 10 0	R O'Donovan
21	-441	FERODA A Moore 6 10 0	B Sheridan
22	-020	LOUGH DERG D Hughes 5 10 0	C F Swan

11-2 Barnbrook Again, 6-1 The Iliad, 7-1 Derrymore Boy, Stepaside Lord, 8-1 Son Of Ivor, 10-1 Bonalma, 12-1 Cats Eyes, 16-1 Chrysaor, Clover Hill Lad, Yabis, 20-1 Feroda, 25-1 Clusheen, Kiora, The Musical Priest, 33-1 Four Trix, Lough Derg, Helynsar, 40-1 others.

Cliveden stud takes top breeding award

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association announced its 1986 awards at the Churchill Hotel yesterday when Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, made the presentations.

The Cliveden stud received the award for the leading Flat breeder. The stud bred Reference Point, the champion two-year-old of Europe.

Louis Freedman, the colt's owner, said: "I regard it as the highlight of my 20-year career as a comparatively small breeder to have produced Reference Point, his dam and grand-dam. No matter what happens next season they cannot take that away from the stud."

Lord Porchester, president of the TBA, said: "The successes this year of British-bred horses in group one races have been limited but I would like to congratulate Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk for winning the St Leger with her good horse, Moon Madness."

An issue which is close to the heart of every stud farm owner is the rating system. On this subject, Lord Porchester said: "The decision of the court of appeal, which found that stud farm buildings should be rated, was a tremendous set-back for the industry."

Another issue in which the association has been closely involved is that of value added tax. British breeders and auction houses continue to be disadvantaged by the on-going temporary derogation of bloodstock in Ireland (which should have ceased in 1984) and by the fact that there is no VAT outside the EEC."

"Breeders, but not auction houses, can, to some extent, offset the disadvantage by selling in Ireland, but our council regards the British auction sales as the centre-piece of the British commercial selling and marketing operation."

The award for the leading British-based breeder on the Flat was won by the Hesmonds stud, owned by Peter Goulandris.

For the fifth time, Mummy's Pet was the leading British-based stallion with the most individual winners on the Flat. Sadly Mummy's Pet is no longer with us. This also applies to Precipice Wood, who was the leading British-based stallion with the most winners under National Hunt rules.

For the second year running Lord Howard de Walden's Kris took the award for the British-based stallion with most prize money won on the Flat. Sharpo won the award for leading first-season sire.

A special award was made to Paul Mellon, who flew in from America, for his significant contribution to the British breeding industry.

Frost danger to weekend programmes

There is no racing in Britain today for the second day running. Taunton was called off yesterday morning because of frost and Lingfield was finally abandoned an hour after the meeting was scheduled to start when freezing fog failed to lift. Racegoers were given admittance vouchers for a future meeting.

Today's meetings at Haydock and Hereford were called off, also due to frost, after early morning inspections. Thirteen meetings have now been lost this season.

Haydock's programme tomorrow will be decided at an 11.30 inspection today, but clerk of the course Philip Arkwright reports prospects are not good. No inspections are planned for Sandown, where racing could have taken place today apart from the fog, or Warwick.

However, there is frost in the ground at Warwick where racing would not have been possible yesterday. Further frost is forecast over the next two days.

The big Irish meeting at Leopardstown, which features The Ladbroke hurdle, could be in danger if milder weather does not return. The advance going is good but there has been recent heavy frost at the track and yesterday's meeting at Punchestown meeting was abandoned for the same reason.

Stearsby reunion not a moment too soon for McCourt

By John Dorman

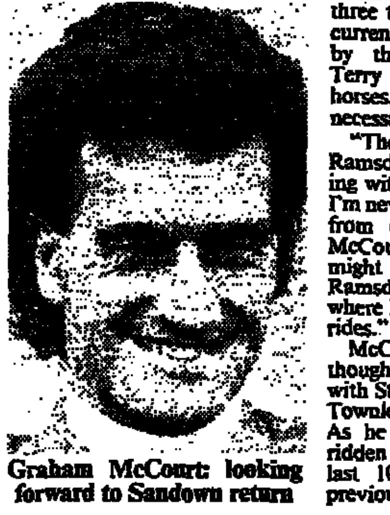
Graham McCourt returns to the saddle tomorrow after a month's absence to ride Stearsby in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase at Sandown. As he said earlier in the week, "I can't wait until Saturday."

The enforced rest was due to a 28-day ban imposed by the Jockey Club for trying to force the amateur rider Anthony Kelleway off the course during a novices' hurdle race at Nottingham on December 1.

McCourt was, he readily concedes, guilty of the offence, but astonished at the severity of the punishment. "If a footballer is suspended for a month he misses six or seven games," he said. "I missed 50 or 60 rides. I thought it was a very strong ban. I had expected something like seven days off plus a fine."

Among those missed rides were half a dozen winners, including Stearsby in the Welsh Grand National just before Christmas. "It was not a quality field" McCourt said, "and the more I looked at the card the more I thought Stearsby would win. I didn't go to watch, I just couldn't bear it."

McCourt last rode Stearsby in the Hennessy. "He needed the race and was very tired at the end of it," he explained, "but the horse has quality written right through him and I'm optimistic about Sandown. The 3 miles 5 furlongs will obviously suit him because he stays like anything."



Graham McCourt: looking forward to Sandown return

Beyond Sandown the plans for Stearsby are fluid. "Mrs Pitman always keeps her plans very flexible and a lot will depend on the weather," McCourt said. "He'll probably have one more run before the Gold Cup."

The horse has been backed down to 5-1 joint favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup but McCourt is cautious. "He could be very good indeed but he shouldn't be the Gold Cup favourite this year. He's a big, strong horse and he has every right to go for the race, but you have to remember he's not much more than a novice."

McCourt has never ridden in the Gold Cup, and looks forward to it with enthusiasm. "I've ridden in the last four Grand Nationals," he says, "and enjoyed it tremendously, but to me the Gold Cup is the ultimate. There is a lot of luck involved in the National, but you don't get too many open ditches or loose horses round Cheltenham. I would prefer to win the Gold Cup rather than the National, given the choice."

McCourt is 27 and has been riding for 11 years, encouraged initially by his father, the trainer Matt McCourt. His best tally for a season is 38 winners, achieved three times. At the start of the current season he was retained by the millionaire financier Terry Ramsden to ride all his horses, although that will not necessarily mean more winners.

"The retainer from Mr Ramsden means that I'm dealing with five or six trainers, so I'm never sure what's happening from one day to the next," McCourt explained. "Also, I might have to ride one of Mr Ramsden's horses at a meeting where I don't pick up any spare rides."

McCourt is not complaining though, nor has he reason to, with Stearsby to ride, as well as Townley Stone and Motivator. As he acknowledges: "I have ridden more good horses in the last 10 months than in the previous 11 years."

Graham fears Hagler will quit this year

By George Ace

Herol Graham, the European middleweight champion from Sheffield, who is number one contender for the World Boxing Association title held by Marvin Hagler, is almost resigned to the fact that he won't be fighting Hagler this year.

"It is a fight I have been dreaming about for a long time," Graham said in Belfast yesterday. "But it looks almost certain that Hagler has made up his mind to retire after his April showdown with Sugar Ray Leonard in Las Vegas. If that proves correct everything points to me meeting Iran Barclay, from New York, for the vacant title."

Graham was speaking after a lively sparring session in the Eastwood gymnasium, in Belfast, in preparation for his King's Hall contest a week tomorrow against Charlie Boston of the United States.

"It is a risk fight for me, particularly as Boston stopped Errol Christie in eight rounds last time out in London," said Graham. "But I am in good shape and I do not intend to make any mistakes."

The British flyweight champion, Dave McAuley, from Larne, who was due to meet former WBA champion Prudencio Cardona (Colombia) in a chief supporting contest, has withdrawn owing to a blood disorder.

TENNIS

Turnbull repeats her US Open victory over eminent partner

From Barry Wood, Sydney

Hana Mandlikova has described her doubles partner Wendy Turnbull as being like a good wine, growing better as she grows older. Last week in Brisbane that might have been in doubt as the 34-year-old Australian expired with hardly a whimper against Heather Ludloff.

Yesterday, Miss Turnbull bounced back by defeating Miss Mandlikova, the top seed, 6-3, 7-5 in the third round of the Family Circle New South Wales women's open tournament here. It was the second victory in succession for Miss Turnbull over the Czechoslovak, the last upset occurring in the US Open in September.

It was another of those erratic performances from Miss Mandlikova that we used to witness with depressing regularity but which have now become a rarity. Several brilliant points would be followed by a string of elementary errors. That is how it was but Miss Mandlikova did not see it the same way.

"I think I was playing very poorly and I wouldn't even call it up and down. I would just call it bad play," she stated.

If Miss Mandlikova was distraught now that her preparations for the Australian Open have been disrupted then she hid it well. "I am disappointed that I lost but I am not going to die because of it," she said. "Wendy played very well and I didn't serve very well. It was just a day that she didn't miss anything. She really mixes up her shots a lot and sometimes her serve is so soft it's difficult to do anything off it."

Miss Mandlikova believed she had received some of the backlash of Miss Turnbull's defeat last week. "I think that helped her mentally because she realized she had to work a little bit harder than she had been and she was probably a little more eager than I was."

Miss Turnbull admitted the defeat last week had been an incentive to do well. "It made me more determined," she agreed. "I was mentally tougher when it came down to the tight points."

There were no other upsets, although the Swedish No 1, Catarina Lindqvist, was threatened by Dinky van Rensberg before pulling through 7-5, 7-5. For the second seed, Pam Shriver, and third seed, Helena Sukova, things were much easier. Miss Shriver lost only three games against Gretchen Rush, describing the second set — in which she lost just five points — as the best she had ever played.

Miss Sukova was on court only 27 minutes before Anna Maria Fernandez retired with a back injury.

THIRD ROUND: W Turnbull (Aus) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 6-3, 7-5; P Shriver (US) bt G Rush (US), 6-3, 6-1; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt D Van Rensburg (SA) 7-5, 7-5; E Inoue (Jap) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt A M Fernandez (US), 5-2 retd; H [illegible] ([illegible]) bt A Smith (US), 7-5, 6-1.

McEnroe out of Open

Sydney — John McEnroe, who has never felt at ease on his visits to Australia, has pulled out of the Ford Australian Open, beginning in Melbourne next week (Barry Wood writes).

The former world No 1, who is still in the process of re-establishing himself among the top ranks after the lengthy hiatus from the tennis circuit during 1986, has aggravated a recurring back injury while practising on grass in Palm Springs and has been advised by his doctor not to play.

McEnroe's absence adds to his first round dismissal at last year's US Open and ensures the spotlight remains firmly on Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker. The West German has failed to live up to expectations so far on the grass courts of Australia but his chances of claiming at least one title has been enhanced by his decision to play mixed doubles with Martina Navratilova.

"It was originally my friend, Judy Nelson's, idea and we started discussing it at the US Open," Miss Navratilova revealed. "We've talked about it on and off several times since and now I am really looking forward to it. It should be fun."

Woodforde's luck runs out

Auckland (AFP) — Mark Woodforde, of Australia, the defending champion, was eliminated by Michael Schapers, of the Netherlands, after a game of wildly fluctuating fortunes in the second round of the New Zealand Grand Prix tournament here yesterday.

Schapers, seeded eighth, won the first set 6-3, could win only one game in the second, but then raced to a 5-1 advantage in the third. Incredibly, Woodforde saved a match point at 5-1 and then pulled back to 6-6 before his luck ran out.

The Australian broke a string in his racket in the tie-break and was unable to win another point when he replaced it.

It was a different story for Bud Schultz, who lost to Woodforde in last year's final. The American beat the second seed Milan Srejber, aged 23, of Czechoslovakia.

Srejber could not get his big service going and succumbed to the all-round play of his American opponent in two hours and 15 minutes. Schultz won 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 and now plays Schapers in today's quarter-finals.

Two other seeds, Miloslav Mecir, No 1, of Czechoslovakia, and Ramesh Krishnan, No 3, of India, recorded straight-set wins on their way to the last eight.

Mecir lost only six games to Glenn Michibata, of Canada and Krishnan conceded only four to Johan Carlsson, of Sweden.

SECOND ROUND: M Mecir (Cz) bt G Michibata (Can) 6-3, 6-3; R Krishnan (India) bt J Carlsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; M Schapers (Neth) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 7-6; B Schultz (US) bt M Srejber (Cz) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

RUGBY UNION

English sink under late Irish flurry

From a Correspondent, Cork

Irish Universities 30
English Universities 6

A flurry of scoring in the second half fashioned a spectacular victory for the Irish Universities before a sizeable crowd at the picturesque Mardyke ground yesterday.

At half-time, however, the English, although outplayed in the first 40 minutes, must have fancied their chances.

They had a huge wind at their backs for the second period but within minutes, the Irish had gone further ahead, and then the floodgates opened.

The English failure can be put down to the poor performance of their pack. They were outjumped, outscrummaged and outrucked, and as the game progressed, their difficulties became even more apparent.

In the end, they had to settle for two penalty goals from their talented stand-off half, Andy Sutton, whereas the Irish ran in five marvellous tries.

Sutton kicked a penalty goal to open the scoring but the Irish responded in the fourteenth minute, when Matthews crossed the English line for their first try.

Dunlea, the full back, added the second seven minutes before the break and three minutes into the second half, Byrne got the touch from a scrum pushover and O'Beirne converted.

The same player exchanged penalty goals with Sutton, then kicked another eight minutes from the end.

The Irish engineered a marvellous finish, with Campbell, their wing threequarter, and Dunlea, scoring again. O'Beirne converted one of the tries, to round off a fruitful afternoon for the home team.

IRISH UNIVERSITIES: F Dunlea (Trinity); C Campbell (Queen's), J [illegible] (UCD, capt), D Hyland (UCC), N Matthews (Queen's); E Crotty (UCC), S O'Beirne (UCD); C Armstrong (Queen's), P Kenny (Trinity), J Seaham (Trinity), J Collins (Trinity), J Colclough (UCD), M Fitzgibbons (Trinity), K Byrne (UCC), M Egan (Trinity, rep: P Swan (UCD)).
ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: S Hill (UCL); J Perkins (Bristol), R McNaughton (Liverpool), L Eales (Nottingham), Y Jarrett (Bradford); A Sutton (Loughborough), S Pinder (Bristol); A [illegible] (Reading), M Humphrey-Evans (Nottingham), P Joyce (UCL), Y Swan (Liverpool), M Reid (Loughborough), R Bridson (Nottingham), S Holmes (East Anglia, capt), J Wilby (Loughborough).
Referee: R McDowell (Munster).

Schoolboys get ready for Scottish clash

By Michael Stevenson

The final England 18 group trial will be played at Nottingham on March 7, prior to the first international (v Scotland on April 7) and this has, as ever, added piquancy to the county 18 group matches.

In the South West, Somerset and Gloucestershire were unbeaten until their meeting shortly after Christmas, which Somerset won (15-14). In the South East, Surrey proved preeminent, beating Kent (22-0), Eastern Counties (22-4) and Middlesex (25-7) and they scored 14 tries in the process. In the North, an agonizingly close Roses Match, which Yorkshire won (4-3), probably found Lancashire unable to give of their best on the day.

Yorkshire were an impressive side, with their forceful centre, Glen Harrison, outstanding but they slipped up against Northumberland to lose a match they should have won. Cumbria, with vastly fewer schools from which to pick, ended the season unbeaten, although they did not play Yorkshire because of frost.

Cumbria beat Ulster (14-11), Ulster B (18-10), Cleveland (36-0), Lancashire (13-12), Northumberland (20-7), Durham (8-3), and Cheshire (34-4).

Half the charm of touring is its unpredictability, a fact that Douai experienced recently in Portugal. They began with a good 9-3 win against Belenenses but Lisbon under 19 did not turn up for their second match, so that a practice game was arranged at short notice with the Portugal under 16 side.

The game was so quaintly refereed that at one point, Phil Smith, the master-in-charge and his colleague, Mark Shipley, burst into gales of laughter, whereupon the referee advanced upon them menacingly, offered them the whistle and Mark Shipley, who was in his track suit, accepted and took charge of the rest of the match.

The other match was against Lisbon under 16 and a Douai side of mixed age groups won 24-3. Generally, the poor refereeing and incidents of violence were real problems.

The widely popular and successful Preston Festival will be known this year as "The Preston International Schools' Festival." There will be schools from all the United Kingdom countries, as well as a Dutch side (The Dukes).

The Festival, which will be held at the Preston Grasshopper's Club on April 3, 4 and 5, will again be sponsored by Procontech and Guy's Eating Establishment.

Milestone for Taylor

Paul Taylor, the Gloucester centre, returns from injury to make his 250th appearance for the club when they attempt to complete the double over Leicester this weekend.

Taylor is one of eight regulars returning to the side after the depleted team was badly defeated during the Christmas and New Year round of games.

● Coventry travel to Bristol and can hardly be optimistic about improving their position in the A table, in which they have won just one match to date. Lee Johnson, their captain, resumes at prop forward after England trial duty. Steve Thomas continues to regain match fitness with the seconds. Also back in action are Ralston and Rooke at No 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

Beeson hit by the travel bug

By Colin McQuillan

Bryan Beeson, the British champion, is very well connected in travel circles these days, which is just as well when his commitments for the coming weekend are considered.

Beeson was selected on his new fourth national ranking to lead the England squad into the home internationals, which start tonight at the Welsh National Sports Centre in Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

More recently, he has been included with the world champion, Ross Norman, in an eight-man invitation field playing this evening and tomorrow in an experimental tournament, the Globespan Telesquash International, at the Skean Dhu Hotel, Dyce, Aberdeen.

"I can fly up to Aberdeen with Globespan, who are international tour operators in Edinburgh," Beeson explains. "Then, if I lose tonight, I can take the overnight InterCity sleeper and be in Cardiff refreshed enough for the first Saturday session against Wales. I get free first class travel on British Rail from winning the national championship under their sponsorship."

Against Ireland tonight Martin Bodimead will lead Jamie Hickox, Neil Harvey, David Pearson and Paul Carter. England play Scotland on Sunday.

Andrew Shelley, competition manager of the Squash Rackets Association, says he is happy with the arrangement. "The Aberdeen tournament is planned for live inclusion in the BBC Grandstand programme tomorrow afternoon," he says. "Bryan is always keen and cooperative playing for England but television exposure is vital to professional sportsmen."

Of course, the national champion must survive until tomorrow in Aberdeen to reach the small screen. He is drawn against Hiddy Jahan in tonight's first round, so there is every chance of him catching his free InterCity sleeper. Jahan has a convenient habit of adjusting quicker than most to experimental tournaments.

The contest is to be scored under the American system of a point for every rally won, with rallies limited to 15 strokes to encourage attacking play. At the sixteenth stroke the rally is awarded to the server, who serves five times successively before hand-out occurs automatically.

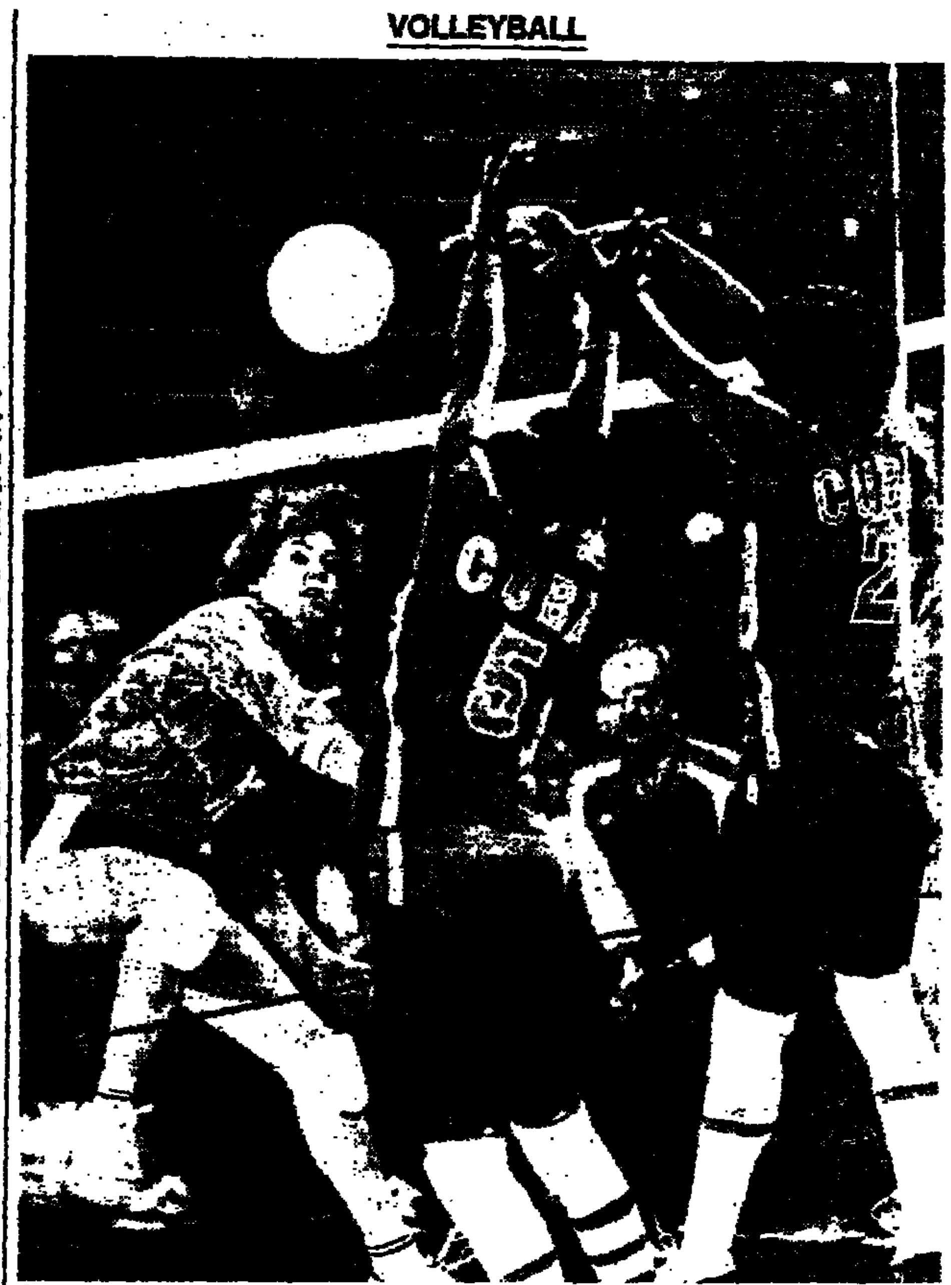
The first player two points clear after 15 points wins the game, with sudden death tie-break at 20-20, and the match is over five games with normal discipline.

This is meat and drink to the hard-hitting Jahan, even at 37 years of age, although potentially the most exciting first round encounter in Aberdeen is between the world No 3 Stuart Davenport, of New Zealand, and Rodney Martin, the 21-year-old Australian.

Both these tall and long-levered players are capable of extraordinary attacking brilliance under pressure.

ENGLAND TOP 10: P Kenyon (Lancs), G Williams (Sussex), G Briars (Norfolk), B Beeson (Northumbria), M Bodimead (Berkshire), J Hickox (Surrey), N Harvey (Essex), D Pearson (Lancashire), P Carter (Herts), P Gregory (Surrey).

VOLLEYBALL



Cuban blockade: A shot from England's Sandy Lystock is foiled by the outstretched arms of Cuban players in the match at Alexandra Pavilion (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

Promise, then the inevitable

By a Special Correspondent

England surprised themselves by taking 14 points off Cuba the world's No 2 nation, in a friendly match at the Pickfords Travel international women's tournament at Alexandra Palace yesterday.

The English girls troubled the Cubans sufficiently for Pere George Vento, the opposition coach, to take an unscheduled time-out when his side trailed 5-6 in the first set. Cuba, however, went on to win the match without overstretching themselves 15-9, 15-4, 15-1, in 37 minutes.

England's coach, Barry Swann, assessed: "It's a daunting prospect for our players to face Cuba. Although it was the Cuban second VI and largely their junior players, we finished the game with an 18-year-old and a 16-year-old on court."

Swann has only managed one three-day training camp with his squad this season but, on a restricted budget, is seeking to take England to their next stage of development. Three years ago, the international team were not accorded the same respect and in fact one of England's leading players failed to show up for an important international tournament but Swann is looking to put those days behind him.

"We're trying to adopt a more professional approach. Anybody who could not make our December training camp has been left out of the squad. We want commitment and that is why it is important to have young players in the team to show a hunger for the game," said the England coach. Swann plans two more training sessions before his side leave for the West European championships in Switzerland in April.

Meanwhile, the English Volleyball Association are seeking backing from the Sports Council to set up a full-time centre of excellence at Lilleshall, which already has the support of the Federation of International Volleyball.

George Bulman, the director of the EVA, confirmed yesterday: "The centre is crucial to our future planning. We have a meeting with the Sports Council on February 2 and we are looking for backing of £15,000 a year for the next four years. All four of the home countries could use the centre and we'd have the facilities to bring in top international coaches."

Bulman, who envisages the centre opening in July, added: "If the Sports Council finance us we are there — we don't have the money to set up the centre ourselves."

RESULT: Cuba bt England 3-0 (15-9, 15-4, 15-1).

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps sets British record in practice

From Chris Moore, St Moritz

Nick Phipps set a new British track record in clocking the fifth-fastest time on yesterday's final practice run for the two-man competition in the world championships at St Moritz this weekend.

The 34-year-old British champion was only 0.73 seconds slower than Ralph Pichler, of Switzerland, whose best time of 1min 08.30sec, on the final run, was the fastest of the week in practice.

Because his regular brakeman, Alan Cearns, is nursing a knee injury, Phipps was pushed for the first time yesterday by Sammy Leonce, aged 24, a radar technician in the Royal Air Force, based at RAF Marham in Norfolk.

Leonce, who holds the RAF long jump record at 7.45 metres, helped Phipps record the sixth-best time on the first run yesterday in the new Swiss-built Allied Steel sledge off a start of 5.38sec.

On the final run, they clocked 5.30sec for the first 50 metres, and completed the 1,585-metre course in a new British best time of 1min 09.03sec.

Cearns faces a fitness test today and is still optimistic of being able to compete in tomorrow's race.

Russia's 1984 European champion, Janis Kipurs, who has not competed in major championships for the last two years, underlined his return to form with the second-fastest time yesterday of 1min 08.52sec.

East Germany's defending champion, Wolfgang Hoppe, still ranks as the man they all have to beat. He had a best time of 1min 08.55sec yesterday, with the Swiss veteran, Hans Hiltebrand, the other driver to beat Phipps.

Tomorrow however, Hoppe's team-mate, Detlef Richter, will also come into a medal reckoning after taking it easy yesterday by fitting in at the start to rest a leg injury.

Boat Show Diary

Wrecked "Paragon" will be rebuilt

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

Reports filtering in from exhibitors at the London International Boat Show, taking place at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, indicate that the British boating industry remains on the crest of the wave.

After a rise in the total industry turnover, from £289 million in 1981 to a figure of £400 million for the year ending December 31, 1985, this growth appears to have continued during the past year. Home sales for the nine months to September are up by 22 per cent and sales to the EEC have risen up by a very healthy 67 per cent.

Yesterday the Southampton-based firm of A.H. Moody, builders of top-of-the-range production and custom sailing yachts, reported a record sale of six boats with a total value of £800,000 on the first day of the show. The electronics firm, Incastec, reported their largest ever single order of £197,000, bound for France.

Yesterday's good news for multi-hull enthusiasts was that the trimaran "Paragon", wrecked in last year's Silk Cup Multi-hull Challenge, after a collision with a merchant ship, just off the Thames' estuary, is to be rebuilt. The offending merchant man, unidentified at the time of the accident, was tracked down after an exhaustive air search of the North Sea, carried out by Irish sailmaker John McWilliam, in his private 'plane.

It was positively identified by a distinctive splash of "Paragon's" yellow paint on its otherwise green hull.

Mike Whipp who received an out-of-court settlement for the damage, has now sold to a partnership of Rodney Pattisson, her former helmsman, Lawrie Smith and Rob Lipsett of Vision Yachts, who are currently seeking sponsorship for next season's racing programme. "Paragon" is today under tow from Ramsgate, where she has been since the accident to Cowes, where she will be rebuilt.

While the "Paragon" collision now appears to have come to a satisfactory settlement, the same is not the case of Tony Bullimore's trimaran, "Apricot", which was a total loss on rocks off Brest after retiring from the French-organized "Route de Rhum" race.

French lawyers, acting on Mr Bullimore's behalf, are now reported to be seeking to extract damages from the owners of the "Brest Mariner" for failing to make the arranged rendezvous to tow the engineless and disabled "Apricot" to safety.

Should the claim be successful a replacement 60-foot trimaran from the board of "Apricot's" designer, Nigel Irens, will be built.

HOCKEY

Selectors taking their time

By Joyce Whitehead

The selection of the England women's team is now a lengthy process. Instead of the side being named after the last territorial match this year 18 players have been invited to attended two training and assessment weekends next month.

The first, from February 6 to 8, will be at Bisham Abbey and the second, from February 20 to 22, will be held at Lilleshall. Any England players excluded from the final Great Britain squad will be invited to Lilleshall and the England party of 16 for the game with Wales, in Cardiff on March 7, will be named on February 21. There will not be a Home Countries B tournament this year.

The 18 includes Jane Swinnerton, who played so well in the county championship final but was nearly marked out of the game in the Midlands' four territorial matches; yet right wing Margarat Souyave, the schemer in the winning North team, is omitted.

The selectors are still preparing for a future which never seems to come. The young players must be given their chance. But a few good wins for England with the best players now available would do the game a world of good.

Today and tomorrow the Reckitts Cleaning Service Four Nations indoor tournament will be played at the National Sports Centre, Sofia Gardens, Cardiff. The competition begins at 6 pm with Wales against Scotland.

This is the fourth indoor tournament in the series, although Wales only joined the other three countries as recently as 1984, in Manchester. There will actually be two such events this year as the one scheduled for January 1988 is being brought forward to November in preparation for the European tournament in December in Germany.

The England players invited for training are: J Bancester (Cheshire), L Bayliss (Staffs), L Bollington (Essex), H Brown (Sheffield League), M Burrows (Derbyshire), J Crook (Lancs), N Dix (Durham), K Edwards (Norfolk), C Frye (Warwickshire), A Goacher (Northants), R Goodridge (Devon), V Hallam (Sheffield League), G Huggon (Yorkshire), C Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Essex), A Smith (Yorkshire), J Swinnerton (Staffs), K Taylor (Kent).

Squads for the Cardiff indoor tournament: England: L Bollington (Essex), H Bray (Suffolk), K Brown (Surrey), L Carr (Lancs), J Crook (Lancs), M Cheetham (Leics), M Edards (Kent), S Lister (Suffolk), M Souyave (Lancs), J Thompson (Bucks), T Wilce (Suffolk), S Wright (Leics).
Wales: H Morgan (Swansea), M Louis (Wrexham), K Price (Cardiff), J Grant (St Fagans), S Trotman (Newport), A Richards (Porthcawl), H Green (Newtown), H Thomas (Cwmbran), J Millinship (Newport), D Roberts (Wrexham), W Davies (Swansea), K Roderick (Penarth), F McCarthy (Swansea).
Scotland: S Bassett (Central), E Blair (East), M Burns (East), A Christie (Midlands), L Connell (West), M Coutts (North), H Glass (East), G Haley (Central), L Howie (North), A Sime (Midlands), J Spence (West), J Stewart (West), A Stirling (South-west), D Thorburn (South), J Watson (Central).

ATHLETICS

Bennett wants to forget Stuttgart by winning indoors

By Pat Butcher

The lure of the great indoors is even stronger this year, despite the reasonably clement winter weather so far. For the inaugural world indoor championships are to be held in Indianapolis from March 6 to 8 and the first steps towards selection for many British athletes will be taken at the Cosford Games tonight and tomorrow afternoon.

Todd Bennett has a special incentive to do well, having felt the metaphoric cold at Stuttgart, when in the midst of overwhelming British success he came away with a hamstring injury rather than the medal that had been his prize with every previous international representation.

"It was the worst possible feeling, knowing I'd missed one medal and possibly two. We knew the relay team was going to win a medal but there was no one in the 200 metres as I was frightened of either."

Bennett, however, only got as far as the straight in his 200 metres heat when the hamstring went, and, as well as forfeiting his place in the gold medal winning 4 x 400 metres relay squad, led by his Southampton colleague, Roger Black, he had to sit back and watch Vladimir Krylov, of the Soviet Union, win the 200 metres in a slower time than Bennett had already done.

"What made it worse was that he's a 400 metre man like me who'd stepped down. But what it did do is give me the hunger to compete again. I'm doing the 200 metres this weekend but that's as preparation for the 400 metres at the European, and hopefully the world championships as well." And Bennett is eager to recapture the form that took him to a world 400 metres indoor best in 1985.

He will have his strongest opposition at Cosford in John Regis, fastest 200 metres man in Britain outdoors last year with 20.41 sec, and Brian Whittle, the Scot who profited from Bennett's misfortune when he came into the Stuttgart relay squad, lost his shoe in the changeover, and then ran a hero's leg to keep Black in close contact for the winning circuit.

Shirley Strong has had a little longer than Bennett to ponder the fluctuations of fortune in athletics. A mistaken decision to have only one achilles tendon operated on, when the other one had to be done six months later meant that Miss Strong has laboured to regain the form which won her an Olympic silver medal in 1984.

As she said yesterday: "At 28 you begin to wonder whether it's still worth it." But she has set herself the target of 8.3 seconds: "or less, the sort of time I was doing 3 to 4 years ago," for the 60 metres hurdles tomorrow to prove to herself that it is worth the extra two years to the next Olympics in Seoul.

With Sally Gunnell and Wendy Jeal, Commonwealth gold and silver medal winners as competition, the hurdles is one of the best women's events of the meeting. And the same goes for the men's hurdles.

Colin Jackson, world junior champion, whose own hamstring injury prevented him from adding to that accolade in Stuttgart, also makes his comeback against his perennial rival, Jon Ridgeon, Nigel Walker and Max Robertson.

Games format change

The Peugeot Talbot Games at Cosford on January 31 have been turned into an international invitation meeting.

The British Amateur Athletics Board had to alter their plans to stage the event as a team competition because suitable opposition could not be found.

Attempts to bring over a top nation like the Soviet Union or East Germany proved unsuccessful. Officials considered one of the lesser European teams but decided the competition would be too one-sided. The organizer, Andy Norman, speaking on the change, said: "I'm confident we shall still be able to put on some top competition."

HORSE TRIALS

Cash grant aid to young talent

By Jenny MacArthur

Madeleine Gurdon, who made her debut with the British senior team at the Polish three-day event championship in Bialy Bor in September, is one of three riders to be awarded a Horse Trials Support Group grant of £1,000 for the forthcoming season.

Miss Gurdon, aged 24, had a successful career as a junior and young rider and then made light of the transition to senior competition. She competed as an individual in the 1985 European championships at Burghley, was long-listed for the world championships in Australia last year and then rode in the winning team in Poland.

Her successes have all come on her remarkable dun gelding, The Done Thing, who, at only 11, still has many years of competition ahead of him. Miss Gurdon will ride him and the less experienced Midnight Monarch at Badminton in April. A good performance here could secure her a place in the team for this year's European championships.

The two other recipients of the grant are Vanessa Ashbourne, 21, and Judith Copland, 20, who were both members of the winning British team at last year's Young Riders European championships at Rotherfield Park, Hampshire.

Miss Ashbourne, who is a student at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, won the individual silver medal as well as the team gold at Rotherfield.

Recognizing the value of financial assistance to young riders embarking on a career the Horse Trials Support Group is also introducing an annual training scholarship of £2,000.

MOTOR RACING

Prost heads world-class winners' list

Alain Prost of France, the world Formula One champion, headed a list of more than 20 winners when the 1986 Shell Oils Motor Sport Awards for success in four-wheeled and two-wheeled competitions were presented in London yesterday.

Prost, who snatched the title which Nigel Mansell, of Britain, had seemed to have within his grasp, took a world championship award, along with Britain's World Sports Car champion, Derek Bell, the Formula One motor cyclist, Joey Dunlop, the Formula Two motor cyclist, Brian Reid, and Dave Thorpe, who retained the 500cc World Motocross title.

Other award winners were: British champions: Rallying: Mark Lovell and Roger Freeman (British Open Rally), Alistair Sutherland and Peter Watts (National Rally overall), Simon Davidson and Dave Nicholson (National Rally Group A) and Pete Doughty and Lyn Jenkins (BTRDA Rally).

LACROSSE

Princess Anne will attend international

By Peter Tatlow

Princess Anne, the patron of the All England Women's Lacrosse Association, will attend the England v Scotland match at Queen's Park Rangers Football Club, on March 7.

The game is one in a series of events to mark the 75th anniversary of the All England Association. England will play Wales in Liverpool on March 21 and Junior England meet England Under-21s on the same day.

England will play England reserves at Crystal Palace on March 13 and the England Under-21 clash with Scotland Under-21 is at Luton Football Club on March 29.

There is to be a festival of lacrosse at Moreton Hall School, Oswestry, Shropshire in August with England playing Olde England on August 29.

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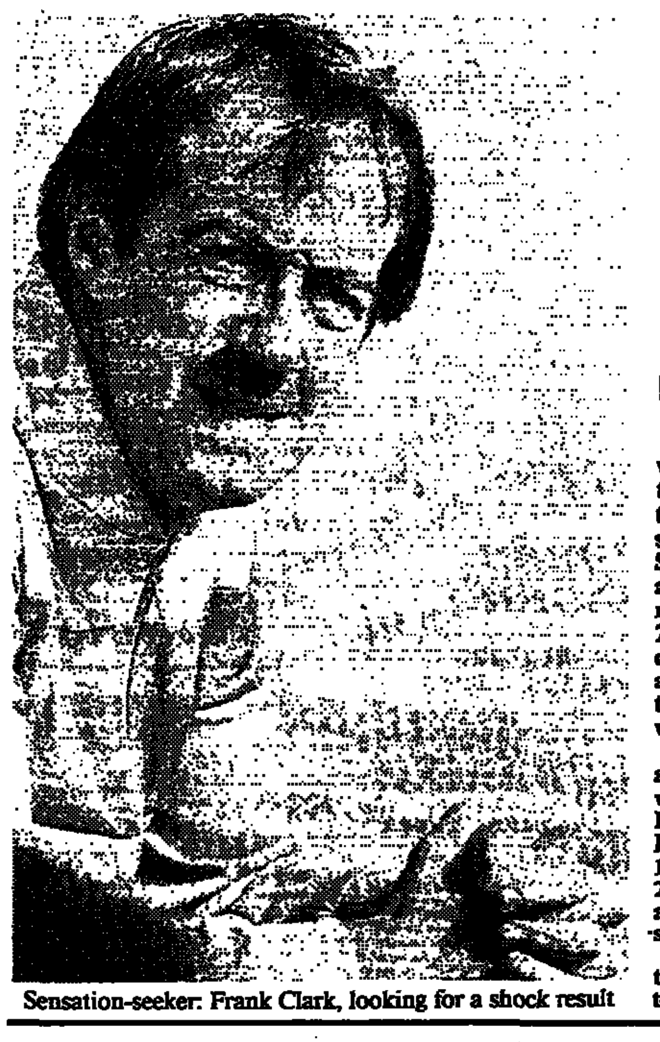

Sensation-seeker: Frank Clark, looking for a shock result

Poor relations from the Orient prepare for an old-fashioned East End knees-up

Living in the shadow of Big Brother

FA CUP

If it were not for the floodlights winking at you from over the roof tops you would never know that there was a handy alternative to shopping in Leyton High Street on a Saturday afternoon. Having bluntly abbreviated themselves by the removal of "Leyton" from their title 20 years ago, the Os are in danger of disappearing off the face of the map altogether if they slide a further three places down the fourth division table.

But for a few hours tomorrow afternoon Brisbane Road will be the venue for the biggest knees-up the East End has known since West Ham United beat Arsenal to win the 1980 FA Cup final. Upwards of 20,000 East Enders will rejoice over another FA Cup tie in which local success is guaranteed.

With uncanny match-making the third round draw has brought together West Ham and Orient, who are not so much neighbours as relations. Supporters of either club tend to hold the others in close affection, too. But Orient are unquestionably the poor relations. They fit the slipper more snugly than Cinderella herself. Though founded 19 years before West Ham, Clapton Orient, as they were called then, did not turn professional until three years after Big Brother and has been a case of hand-me-downs ever since, with just occasionally the odd hand-me-up.

A no-contest with the occasional late score

One line in the record books reveals the extent and limitations of their achievements living in the shadow of West Ham: First division: Best season: 22nd, 1962-63. Even without playing with Big Brother, barely a day goes by when they are not forced to accept second best, whether it be league or cup success, local media coverage or vying for the attention of a promising 11-year-old.

In each case it is a no-contest, though they sometimes score in extra-time with late developers. Yet despite all this, Frank Clark, the Orient manager, says: "I hope West Ham win the League. I'm a great admirer of the club. They stand for most things that are good about the game. But there will be a shock somewhere on Saturday, maybe it will be here. We're looking forward to it."

A match against a side 79 places higher in the League than your own may not be everyone's idea of beneficial therapy, but Clark and his beleaguered players are much less anxious about facing West Ham than they would be playing Exeter City, their scheduled League opponents. "That would have been a very difficult psychological game for the players, given the hostile attitude of the crowd recently," Clark said.

Clark must often have wondered in the last five years why he left a cushy job as reserve team manager at Nottingham Forest to rejoin Ken Knighton in the backwaters of Leyton. Orient were bottom of the second division when he arrived and though they climbed to halfway they plunged and were relegated. After three seasons in the third they were relegated again, Knighton was dismissed and the job offered to Clark. Two months ago they made him managing director as well – "There was no one else available."

He concedes that he may not be around to reap the rewards of the youth scheme. "You have to do things properly even if it's for someone else's benefit. It's been a great experience. I could not have a better training ground. I've no regrets."

Former manager was important influence

There have been times when the Geordie felt as out of place as Ena Sharples in EastEnders and this weekend will only accentuate that feeling as he takes his seat at the family reunion with Pat Holland, his coach and former West Ham favourite by his side. "Friends in the north said 'I couldn't work down there with those Cockneys', but I've found people to be the same wherever I've worked."

A man who won a European Cup winners' medal, a League championship medal and two League Cup winners' medals, all at an age when most players are recalling lost opportunities, is hardly a figure to ridicule. Yet Clark describes himself as a limited player. After spending 13 years with Newcastle United he joined Nottingham Forest at the age of 31 and could not believe what happened to him.

"Brian Clough was naturally a big influence. He made me mentally more positive and reinforced a lot of things I believed in, like discipline and treating people as individuals. He's a great man with words, knowing just the right things to say at the right time. He would have been a great communicator in any field. People say he's not a brilliant coach but he has an enormous understanding of the basics, the right habits."

In a week when Big Brother splashed out £700,000 on a player who has yet to prove his fitness, Orient are wondering where the next few thousand is coming from so they can keep that youth policy going.

Clive White

FOOTBALL

Ball is in Reading's court

The on-loan goalkeeper, Paul Barron, will not face his old club Arsenal, in tomorrow's FA Cup third round – unless Reading agree to pay Queen's Park Rangers £20,000 for his transfer, Rangers having rejected Reading's attempt to land Barron on a free transfer. "The ball is in Reading's court," Jim Smith, the Rangers manager said. "If they want him to play against Arsenal, they will have to buy him first."

Reading have put Gary Westwood on stand-by in case Barron is ruled out.

Aldershot, who face John Aldridge before he completes his £750,000 move to Liverpool, have every reason for following their manager Les Walker's instructions to give value for money, seeing as they have increased ticket prices from £2.80 to £9 – just to stand. Of the 750 tickets allocated to Oxford, only 250 have been sold. "Aldershot have simply priced themselves out of the market," the United ticket manager, Mick Brown said.

Northampton Town, the runaway fourth division leaders, who attempt the most impudent giant-killing, at Newcastle, have been hit by a suspension to Dave Gilbert and the departure of the Ipswich Town defender, Irvin Gernon who failed to agree terms after a loan spell. John Millar, on loan from Chelsea, is likely to come in.

Of the three true minnows, Caernarfon, who are at home to Barnsley, have probably the best chance of advancing. But the Multipart League side will be without Huw Williams, who is suspended and a knee ligament injury rules out Kenny Jones.

They have the former West Bromwich Albion forward, Joe Mayo lined up for a big-time return at the age of 35. He has just bought a hotel at nearby Criccieth and came out of retirement just before Christmas to form an unlikely centre half pairing with the former Tranmere and Blackpool forward, Bobby Tynan.

Steve Smith stands to gain more than most if Huddersfield Town achieve an unexpected win over Norwich City. It could earn him a permanent job as manager of the second division club. Smith, who was made caretaker manager when Mick Buxton was dismissed just before Christmas, could convince the board that he is the man for the job if Huddersfield maintain their current form.

Huddersfield are unbeaten in four matches since the unsung Smith was asked to step temporarily into the breach. His main worry is the fitness of the Welsh international defender, Joey Jones who has missed two matches because of an ankle sprain.

Yeovil wait before replacing Gow

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Gerald Lock, the chairman of Yeovil Town, said yesterday that he would not be rushed into appointing a successor to Gerry Gow, whose resignation as manager last Friday came as a shock to the Vauxhall-Opel League club.

"What we need above all is stability," Lock said. "Steve Ritchie has stepped up from reserve team manager to run the first team on a temporary basis and that will ensure that there isn't too much of a hiccup. We're in the running for the league and three cups and the last thing we want is to upset our rhythm.

"Getting the right man as new manager is absolutely crucial. We have no set ideas about whether he should be part-time or full-time. All we want to ensure is that he's the right man for the job.

"We've already had a flood of applications and we haven't even advertised the post yet. We're a big club and there will be no shortage of talented people wanting to join us."

Despite failing to keep Yeovil in the Gola League in his first season in charge, Gow, who worked full-time for the club, had since enjoyed considerable success. Yeovil narrowly failed to win promotion from the Vauxhall-Opel League at the first attempt and are making another strong challenge this season.

His greatest success, however, has been to bring the crowds back to the Huish. Last season the biggest non-League gate for several years, 5,365, watched a crucial match against Sutton United, the eventual champions, and this season average home attendance is 2,024, the highest in the country outside the Football League.

"Gerry and I have done a lot of work in the community and the public have responded well," Lock said. "We've been involved in a fair amount of charity work and Gerry did a lot with youngsters in the local schools."

Gow, who resigned for "personal reasons" and has made no decisions about his own future, *said: "It was unfortunate that it* had to end like this, because I had had a good two-and-a-half years at the club. I just hope now that the lads will go ahead and win the championship and at least one of the cup competitions."

Gow may have become a little disheartened by the form of Wycombe Wanderers, Yeovil's main rivals for promotion. When he resigned last Friday, Wycombe had won 12 league games in succession and were seven points ahead with a game in hand. The following day, however, they lost away to Croydon, while Yeovil drew at Hendon.

Yeovil had lost ground because of some surprising reverses at home. They are unbeaten away but have lost three times at the Huish.

● Terry Wood has been voted chairman of Scarborough by the GM Vauxhall Conference club's board of directors. He succeeds Barry Adamson, who collapsed and died after attempting to stop a skirmish between rival supporters at a match last month. Scarborough's gate of 1,931 for the visit of Telford United last week was the club's highest for three years.

● Barnet's challenge for promotion to the fourth division received a serious setback when their central defender, Glyn Creaser, broke a bone in his leg against Northwich Victoria last week. He is expected to be out of action for at least six weeks.

GM CONFERENCE TABLE

(including Thursday January 8)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	26	16	6	4	62	27	54
Scarborough	27	15	8	4	36	23	53
Altrincham	25	14	7	4	44	31	49
Telford	24	12	8	4	45	30	44
Enfield	24	13	3	8	39	29	42
Runcorn	25	13	3	9	49	42	42
Boston	26	12	5	9	51	47	41
Maidstone	24	12	4	8	38	29	40
Cheltenham	27	11	7	9	40	33	40
Sutton	26	10	7	9	53	37	37
K'minster	25	12	1	12	52	52	37
Bath	24	10	6	8	35	38	36
Weymouth	25	10	5	10	41	41	35
Dagenham	28	9	5	14	34	44	32
Stafford	24	9	4	11	37	34	31
Wealdstone	27	8	6	13	38	44	30
Kettering	25	7	6	12	35	42	27
Northwich	27	5	10	12	36	50	25
Nuneaton	27	5	10	12	28	49	25
Frickley	27	5	8	14	30	48	23
Welling	24	4	6	14	36	55	18
Gateshead	25	3	7	15	27	61	16

Dutch may follow Luton plan

The Hague, (Reuter) – The Dutch Football Association's (KNVB) security committee said yesterday that they wanted League clubs to ban visiting supporters and believed a pass system for supporters would help in the fight against football violence.

In a preliminary report to the KNVB's professional department, a majority of the committee said clubs should move quickly to exclude visiting supporters and their own troublemakers.

The report was drawn up after a growing number of violent incidents at Dutch first division matches. KNVB, police and government officials have visited Luton Town, who launched a controversial membership card system this season and barred visiting supporters from their Kenilworth Road ground.

Some committee members want clubs to have the freedom to choose if some supporters can travel to away matches. KNVB officials have yet to study the report and a decision is unlikely to be taken before the summer.

Lund attracts £1 million asking price

George Kerr, the manager of the fourth division club, Lincoln City, has put a £1 million price tag on his prolific scorer, Gary Lund.

The former England under-21 international has scored 12 goals in the last 13 games and has been linked with Oxford United, who recently sold John Aldridge to Liverpool. Kerr claims: "Lund is a better player than Aldridge."

Birmingham City today announced a shirt sponsorship deal for the rest of the season with Central Midlands Co-op. Players will wear shirts with the logo 'Co-op Milk.' As part of the deal, the division two club will have the use of the Co-op sports facilities at Yardley for the rest of the season.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
St Anton	120	390	good	powder	good	sun	-12
Excellent skiing							
FRANCE							
Megève	100	165	good	powder	good	fine	-8
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Morzine	55	150	good	powder	good	fine	-8
Beautiful snow and sun							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	100	180	good	powder	good	fine	-12
Excellent skiing conditions							
Mürren	120	200	good	powder	good	sun	-12
All runs open; excellent skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE

Depth (cm)	Min	Mx		Min	Mx
Hte Savoie					
Avoriaz	170	200	St Gervais	50	160
Araches I C	60	205	Samoens	70	210
Chmnix/A	85	190	Savoie		
L Ch d A	100	180	Les Arcs	110	230
Châtel	125	230	Le Corbier	75	100
La Clusaz	75	180	Crchevel	146	205
Combloux	60	180	Les Mnrs	86	200
L Cntmns	80	220	Méribel	115	205
Flaine	142	260	La Plagne	145	220
L G Bmnd	110	150	Tignes	120160	
Les Hches	60	180	Val Cenis	60	100
Megeve	100	165	Valfréjus	50	80
Morzine	80	210	Valmorel	135	160
P sur Arly	80	160	Val Thns	200	270

● Information from the French Government Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, powder snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with many icy patches, middle runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, runs *complete but narrow, hard packed snow* with many icy patches; vertical runs, 1000ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, icy; snow level, 1000ft; Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Forecast for skiing areas today: dry with bright or sunny periods; freezing at all levels; light to moderate south-easterly winds. Outlook for tomorrow: little change.

● Information from the Scottish Meteorological Office

Torres takes over

Porto (AFP) – Jose Torres, the manager of Portugal's Mexico World Cup squad, has taken over at Boavista following the *resignation of Joao Alves last* Sunday. Torres, who resigned after Portugal's Mexico failure, has signed a contract until the end of the season.

Burke can go

Widnes rugby league club have put their Great Britain full back, Mick Burke, on the transfer list for £40,000, at the request of the coach, Doug Laughton.

New perils in rough don't deter

By Paul Martin

This season's South African Sunshine Circuit has attracted a surprisingly large field of British golfers, lured there less by the summer weather than by new cash incentives for overseas players.

A major factor has also been the rapid decline of the rival Safari Circuit in Black Africa, run by the European PGA, which has had to call off two of five scheduled tournaments, including the Nigerian Open. Players were enraged when, last year, the tournament organizers paid out only about half of the promised £122,000 prize-money – and that nine months late.

The scheme to pay for golfers' airfares to the Republic and to assist with cheap accommodation and internal travel expenses, sponsored by an insurance company, has been taken advantage of by eight British golfers. They include Mark James, winner of the Benson and Hedges International at Fulford last year as well as Warren Humphreys, Ian Mosey, David Russell and Phil Harrison, some of whom are regulars.

They have arrived midway through the circuit and are playing in the first tournament of this year at Phalaborwa, where giant copper and platinum mine machinery peers gauntly down over the course.

British golfers, who are all staying in mining officials' private houses and company or Army flats, free of charge, have had a close look at the local wildlife – too close for the comfort of Paul Burley, of Grimsby. He was about to play a shot from thick rough when his caddie dropped his bag and the two of them fled across the fairway, with a pair of hippopotamuses in pursuit. "We were looking *frantically for a tree to get up,* but there weren't any," Burley recalled. Fortunately the beasts lost interest and returned to their watering hole.

Prepared to risk black-listing

Twenty Britons are playing in the tournament, with Malcolm MacKenzie of Sheffield among the leaders at the halfway stage after a second round of 67. Several more are joining the circuit soon. This compares with about 70 who are expected to take part on the three Safari tournaments in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Kenya in February and March, according to John Paramor, a PGA European Tour director.

He concedes that so far the Safari Circuit entry has been disappointingly small, the best-known names being Gordon Brand senior, Eamonn Darcy and Tommy Horton.

"One reason for the slow start is our late announcement, but it is also partly due to disappointment over what happened at last year's Nigerian Open. Those of our members who play in South Africa say conditions there are better than on the Safari Circuit, and the competition from South African golfers is *excellent," Paramor said.*

The Safari Circuit has in recent years far outstripped the South African events in the prize-money offered; last year it totalled £360,000 for five tournaments. Now it is down to £185,000 and South Africa's Sunshine Circuit, partly aided by an improving exchange rate, has bolstered its prizes to within striking range and runs far more events.

"It is very pleasing to see so many overseas entrants who have come despite the current political climate," Denis Bruyns, the Sunshine Circuit organizer, remarked. All participants are blacklisted by the United Nations, and cannot play in the rest of Africa.

Ian Woosnam is barred now from defending his Kenyan Open title after he and Paul Way recently took part in the Million Dollar Sun City Challenge as late replacements for two American golfers, Lee Trevino and Andy Bean.

GOLF

Enter 'Jekyll' and raw hide

From John Ballantine, Carlsbad, California

Few experts would have had the temerity or foresight to forecast that, at the close of the first round of the Tournament of Champions on the La Costa course here the lead would be shared on 65, or seven under par, by Mac O'Grady, aged 35, of California, and Mark Calcavecchia, aged 26, of Nebraska.

This was the case, however, despite the fact that *Calcavecchia, who ranks with* Bob Tway, Ken Knox and Ken Green as one of the more successful "newer fellows", took three putts from four feet on the 11th green.

"I eagled the next long hole and it struck me as strange that I took the same number of strokes (a drive, a three wood and a 20 foot putt), to cover 541 yards as I just had from four feet," grinned the big Nebraskan. That's golf.

Calcavecchia played "pee-wee", or very junior, golf aged eight. His family moved to Florida but he did little as an amateur before turning professional in 1981. He progressed steadily, if modestly, for five years before winning the South West Classic in Texas last summer.

O'Grady is the strangest case in golf; one of those Jekyll and Hyde, or Scarlet Pimpernell characters who defy all conventions and yet who, like John McEnroe, rise to the top through sheer talent and eccentricity. This is how he described the eight birdies and one over par that made up his round: "It just seemed that there was the spirit of the game, a certain creativity, that was taking place and that moved itself."

Consider O'Grady, who played on the European tour for one season in the seventies after failing the US qualifying school 17 times in four years. "We remember him as one heck of a queer chap," a Briton recalled. Queer is right, but the word should not necessarily be thought of as derogatory.

His real name is Phil McGleno and he was one of seven children in a Minneapolis family who moved to California. At 12, he caddied at Riviera and other Los Angeles clubs, *learning* the game the hard way.

Later, he worked at night for an undertaking firm so that he could practise during the day. He cycled immense distances to strengthen his legs, studied yoga, history and philosophy, married a Japanese girl, Fumiko Aoyagi, and, after a great many frustrations, got on to the tour at the end of 1982.

Due to an incident in New Orleans, in which he was alleged to have insulted workers, he was disciplined by Deane Beman, the commissioner, and was involved all last year in a well publicized war of words.

He played beautifully and then said, significantly: "One of my ambitions is to get through this year without being fined," adding "I'll be surprised if Greg Norman isn't doing the tap dance (winning) on Saturday." Norman's 69 left him fifth while Sandy Lyle, who drove well, but putted and pitched poorly, lay halfway with a level 72.

LEADING SCORES (U.S. unless stated): 65: M O'Grady. 68: C Pavin, R Fehr. 69: G Norman (Aus). 70: D Tewell, J Mahaffey, R Floyd. 71: B Tway, K Green. British score: 72: A Lyle. Seniors: 67: D January. 70: G Littler, B Baird. 72: B Crampton.

Thawing out: Miss Macdonald seeks relief at the 19th hole (Photograph: Matthew Harris)

Cold comfort for Macdonald

By Mitchell Platts

Fiona Macdonald's baptism in the Oxford and Cambridge President's Putter at Rye yesterday lasted precisely 14 holes as she tumbled out five and four to Robin Lawson.

Miss Macdonald had sensed that it might not be her day from the moment she arrived on the first tee and peered through the fog to see her opponent accompanied by a local caddie. She had been under the impression that to take a caddie was not in keeping with the spirit of this unique competition and so the previous day Miss Macdonald had refused all offers of such assistance from helpful members.

So in the sub-zero conditions Miss Macdonald carried her own clubs while Lawson, an accomplished if meticulous player with a handicap of six, sought advice from his knowledgeable caddie. It proved invaluable with the visibility reduced at times to 40 yards, which naturally affected the speed of play to such an extent that some of the later matches were reduced to 15 holes.

In truth Miss Macdonald, understandably apprehensive as she made history by becoming the first woman competitor since the inaugural Putter was held in 1920, lacked her usual composure over the opening nine holes.

Yet as she struggled and fell six behind after 10 holes so her cause was little helped by a television crew which virtually demanded an interview as she fought to arrest her slide against the determined Lawson.

Miss Macdonald might have won four holes in succession from their 11th but fortune was against her. Even the end came in circumstances quite beyond her control when Lawson's recovery at the short fifth (14th) sped across the green only to strike the pin so that the ball came to rest 10 feet away from the hole rather than 10 yards down a bank the other side. Miss Macdonald turned away in disbelief for, like the sun which had struggled unsuccessfully throughout the day to pierce the fog, she had finally been forced to accept defeat.

Lawson, an international trade financier, thanked his opponent and offered his apologies for having to make a quick departure as he had a business meeting in Birmingham. "It was a war of attrition in the conditions," he said. "I'm not a golfer of any great exalted ability but I was longer off the tee and I didn't feel under any particular pressure. It would not have mattered if I had been playing a gorilla out there. You just had to play your own game."

Miss Macdonald said: "I did not do myself justice. I suppose I could have done without the intervention of the TV people and I think not having a caddie made a difference in such unfavourable conditions. But I shall be back."

First Round

SECTION A: C J Weight bt G J Collingham at the 19th; P J R Bathurst wo J D C Steel; D M A Steel bt R M Tickell 5 and 4; W P Cooper bt R M S Gibb 4 and 3; C L A Edgington bt I J M Smith 5 and 4; A G Edmond bt J C Leigh at the 20th; J M T Warman bt D C Taylor 2 and 1; J E Behrend wo D Rowley Jones; C D Meacher bt R W Devlin 3 and 2; N M Williamson bt P L Osborn; 4 and 3; P R Pentecost wo A W J Holmes; J P Moorhead bt N A Thayer 3 and 2; D J Harrison bt A de C Alorich Blake; 5 and 3; R J H Randall bt E J C Dunn; 4 and 3; S M Turnbull bt D L L Mason; 3 and 2; J D Bradbury wo P M Wiper.

SECTION B: K Frearson bt J A S Nash 3 and 2; R J Bevan bt J N Davie 3 and 2; N R M Philcox bt P B K Gracey 2 and 1; S A Sharpe bt M J Reece 3 and 2; S G Streatner bt G O Leach 5 and 4; J L Hill bt D J Moody 5 and 4; J J N Caplan (holder) bt T M Powell 4 and 3; P M Froggatt bt C C Ellson 3 and 2; W J Uzielli bt T D Askew 2 and 1, B D Bush bt J P D Piper 1 hole; G W Dixon bt M J Dufton 1 hole; J B L Webster bt G S Melville 3 and 2; W H Barclay bt A J P Summers 2 and 1; M H Malim bt N P Rhodes 4 and 3; D I Wilson bt R D Forbes Watson 3 and 2; B H G Chapman bt R W Kretting 1 hole.

SECTION C: A G M Goodrich bt R F H Petch 4 and 3; T J Hanson bt V N U Wood 3 and 2; R F Palmer bt A W Riley 5 and 4; P J R Souster bt D E F Simons 5 and 3; M Yates bt H A Phillips 5 and 3; P Dawson bt D H Garrow 7 and 6; J M Brandow bt J Whitmore at the 19th; I Armitage bt D M Williams 4 and 3; A Disley bt Sir M Wilford 4 and 3; M W M R Macphee bt C G White 4 and 3; B J Jenkins bt J M Pill 5 and 4; J M Cowman bt N M Stephens 2 and 1; D J Warden bt G J Agate 5 and 4; R P Lawson bt F J Macdonald 5 and 4; J Clennett bt P J R Webb 2 and 1; D L Baxter wo D T Sparrow.

SECTION D: R C Phillips bt D J Patterson 6 and 5; A D Swanston bt G R Hughes 4 and 3; J G Coulter bt A C Hodson 2 and 1; P A Vickers bt T I Dale-Harris 8 and 7; J C Downs bt G M Langford 4 and 3; W J Bailhache bt A G S McCallum 5 and 4; C J Dean wo P A C Cogan; T M Walker bt D L L Rendall 1 hole; N J Grant bt S R Ashworth 7 and 6; T A Wilkinson bt S D Ellis 1 hole; Rev M P J Bonney bt R G Davies 3 and 2; T E D Harker wo M A Jones; A P Stracey bt A H Catchpole 2 and 1; A N S Fisher bt G C Penfold 2 and 1; C E Travers bt W R Bristowe 4 and 3; D J Youngman bt J R Gillum 1 hole.

Improvement plan

Royal County Down Newcastle, one of Northern Ireland's top golf clubs, will shortly embark on a £200,000 clubhouse improvement scheme. Another £20,000 is to be spent fighting coastal erosion on the course. The club, which celebrates its centenary in 1989, has had an offer of a £50,000 interest free-loan from the Royal and Ancient.

Award for Smith

Panama City (Reuter) – James "Bonecrusher" Smith, who captured the World Boxing Association heavyweight title from Tim Witherspoon with a crushing first round knockout, has been named boxer of the month for December by the WBA in their latest rankings.

MOTOR RALLYING

Sahara trip is just for experience

Ted Toleman is leading his entire Dansk La Paris to Dakar rally team on a daring mission across the Sahara Desert following his disappointing exit from this year's event.

By independently crossing the desert from east to west, Toleman, the wealthy East Anglian businessman, hopes to gain experience for the *1988* rally. Speaking from Tamanrasset in Algeria, Toleman said: "We are devastated to be out of the rally but my prime concern now is to reach Dakar in the 1988 rally.

"Although we were well prepared, the rally was much tougher than we envisaged. It is an unbelievable test of character and strength." Toleman's 1987 Paris to Dakar challenge ended at In-Salah following a disastrous stage from El-Golea when his vehicle suffered broken front and rear axles. Then the No. 2 vehicle nosedived and overturned while towing the No. 2 car.

Shaken but unhurt, the team struggled into In-Salah with just six and a half hours to get both vehicles repaired for the next stage to Tamanrasset. The team just failed to complete the repairs in the allotted time and under the rules of the rally were not allowed to continue. Toleman hopes to reach Bamako in five days time.

● ARLIT, Niger: Patrick Zaniroli and Alain Lopes, the French pair who were the last private entrants to win the rally, took a narrow overall lead in the sixth stage as it crossed from Algeria into Niger on Wednesday (AP reports).

Zaniroli, driving a Range Rover, ended the section 1min 18sec ahead of the works Peugeot 205 driven by Ari Vatanen, the Finn, and Bernard Giroux, his French navigatior, although the latter won the stage.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUB BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: Women's Ronchetti Cup: Quarter-final: Tungsram (Hun) bt Minaur-Pernik (Bul) 80-59; Sidis Ancona (It) bt Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul) 75-68; Daugava Riga (USSR) bt Fellsani Ferrara (It) 78-62; VS Prague (Cz), bt Abans Tortosa (Sp), 86-65. Men's Korac Cup: Buducnost Titograd (Yug) bt Challans (Fr) 87-84; Partizan Belgrade (Yug) bt Cucine Berloni Turin (It) 101-90; Limoges (Fr) bt Cantu (It) 98-88; Antibes (Fr) bt Split (Yug) 107-81; Barcelona (Sp), bt Divarese (It) 83-71; Cai Zaragoza (Sp) bt Mariembourg (Bel) 90-69; Caserta (It) bt Bose Madrid (Sp) 106-102.

BELFAST: Milk International club tournament: Marathon Oil Chicago (US) 100, Calderdale Halifax (Eng) 67; Team West (Ire) 98, St Galls (N Ire) 92; Team Butler (N Ire) 106, Clairemont (Ire) 103; Murray International Metals (Edinburgh) 110, Birmingham Bullets (Eng) 107; Sporting Belfast (N. Ire) 89, Marathon Oil Chicago (US) 137.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: BCP London 100 (Bett 24), Hemel and Watford Royals 88 (Hayle 25); Leicester Riders 114 (Vaughan 38, Young 24). Homespare Bolton and Bury 91 (Crosby 21, Jordan 19); Draper Tools Solent Stars 85 (Griffiths 18, Watson 15). HS Portsmouth 98 (Cunningham 25, Irish 24).

NEW YORK: National Basketball Association: Philadelphia 76ers 109, Atlanta Hawks 102; Boston Celtics 119, Milwaukee Bucks 92; Detroit Pistons 122, New York Knicks 111; New Jersey Nets 118, Washington Bullets 98; Dallas Mavericks 106, San Antonio Spurs 103; Los Angeles Lakers 147, Denver Nuggets 109.

BOWLS

ELY: Robert Hutchinson Opticians masters: Final: Thomson bt Palmer 9-5, 9-0

FOOTBALL

PORTALEGRE, Portugal: Friendly: Portugal 1, Greece 1. **SANTOS,** Brazil: Pele Cup veterans' tournament: Brazil 0, Uruguay 0.

GOLF

PHALABORWA, South Africa: Sunshine Circuit tournament: (South Africa unless stated): 65: S van Vuuren; 66: C Williams, T Dodds; 67: S Bishop (GB), R Stewart, F Allem, G Levenson, J Mannie, P Jones, J Fourie 68: A Henning, J Hawkes, R Hartmann (US); 69: S Smith (US), H Baiocchi, M James (GB); 70: M McKenzie (GB), P Mitata, P Harrison (GB), B Evans (GB), M White (US).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Vancouver Canucks 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (OT); Philadelphia Flyers 6, New York Rangers 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Washington Capitals 2; Chicago Black Hawks 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; St. Louis Blues 6, Hartford Whalers 3; Buffalo Sabres 4, Winnipeg Jets 2; Los Angeles Kings 6, Edmonton Oilers 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

ARLIT, Nigeria: Paris-Dakar rally: Cars, Sixth stage: 1, A Vatanen (Fin) and B Giroux (Fr), 1hr 43min 30sec penalties; 2, Shinozuka (Jap) and G Fenouil (Fr), 5.41 behind; 3, P Zaniroli and A Lopes (Fr), 17.26; 4, J Ickx and C Tarin (Bel), 27.08; 5, C Canado and T Pisson (Fr), 59.59. Overall standings: 1, Zaniroli and Lopes, 7:21.50; 2, Vatanen and Giroux, 1.18 behind; 3, Mehta and Doughty, 2.06; 4, Shinozuka and Fenouil, 10.58; 5, Ickx and Tarin, 45.53.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: The Army 10, Metropolitan Police 19.

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers 11, Bridgend 10. Postponed: Abertillery v Llanelli.

Safety money

Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, have received a substantial grant from the Football Ground Improvement Trust to help towards £130,000 safety work.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

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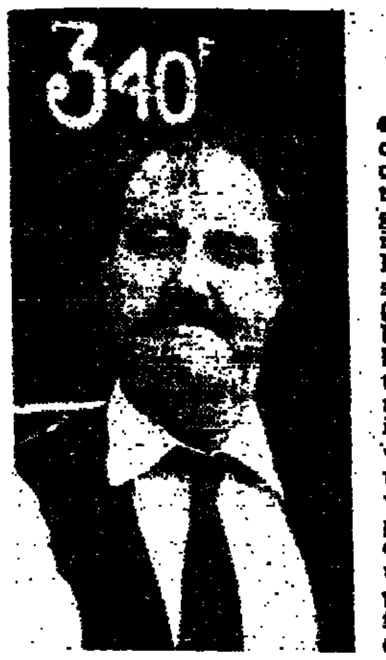

Gorden Kaye as Rene in 'Allo, 'Allo (BBC1, 7.35pm)

A nursery for the crime-busters

● I don't know who first said that one sure sign that you're getting older is that you begin noticing that policemen are getting younger. You dont,however,need to be in your dotage to recognize that Rockliffe's Babies, the new drama series beginning tonight on BBC1 (9.30pm), has a cast of crime-busters that look more like a bunch of sixth-formers than trainee detectives. So marked is their immaturity that one of them is seriously tempted to accept when offered the job of bodyguard to a rich Middle Eastern woman whose expectations of him are, to put it mildly, not limited to considerations of personal security. But to get an accurate idea of the volume of water that has flowed under the bridge since the days of *Z Cars* and *Softly, Softly*, I need only tell you that some of the learner CID men in *Rockliffe's*

CHOICE

Babies wear sweat shirts carrying pictures of Marlon Brando as the motorcyle thug in *The Wild One*, and at least one of the police women squats down in her van to relieve herself when a surveillance job has gone on that just bit too long. Age and behaviour questions apart, *Rockliffe's Babies* has got off to a conventional start. When the babies' nursemaid, Sgt Rockliffe, enters the scene next Friday – and he is described tonight as a sod and a bastard, though no racist – the sparks may begin to fly.

● Best of the rest on TV: Sidney Lumet's espionage thriller The Deadly Affair (Channel 4, 10.30pm), based on a John Le Carre novel; and George Sidney's Show Boat (Channel 4, 1.30pm), an MGM musical on which much money was well spent.

● Radio choice: Anthony Vivis's and Tinch Minter's adaptation of Schiller's epic drama The Tragedy of Wallenstein, which is set against the backdrop of the Thirty Years War, gobbles up nearly three hours of Radio 3 tonight (from 7.15). You won't hear any complaints from me. I vividly recall hearing it the first time round, and telling myself what a lucky chap director Martin Jenkins was to be able to line up such a remarkable cast. And there is another worthwhile repeat today, Morag Hood's feature about the courtship and marriage of Charlotte Bronte, After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows (Radio 4, 11.00am). A most impressive amalgam of biography and literary archaeology.

Peter Davalle

Ian Hogg (foreground) and his seven recruits: Rockliffe's Babies (BBC1, 9.30pm)

BBC1

Live transmissions on BBC TV are subject to disruption through industrial action

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Jeremy Paxman, and Sally Magnusson. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather details at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.

8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton with advice for the consumer 8.55 Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, and the studio audience, discuss a topical matter 9.45 Advice Line with Paul Clark and Eileen Evason.

10.00 News and weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Programme news.10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50 Willo the Wisp. (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Penelope Lee with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Public School. Part nine of the ten-film series on life at Radley College. (r) 11.35 Open Air. Viewers comment on television programmes. (includes news and weather at 12.00)

12.25 Wildlife Showcase. Bite for Survival, an award winning film by Charles Patey, is a remarkable study of the mosquito. (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather. 1.25 Neighbours. 1.45 Heads and Tails. (r)

2.00 The Liver Birds. Comedy series about two Liverpudlian girls. (r) 2.35 Knots Landing. Gary's and Val's marriage has hit a rocky patch – thanks to Abby's interference 3.25 Box Clever. Family quiz game.

3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set. (r) 4.00 Philomena, with Johnny Ball 4.10 Yogi Bear. Cartoon. (r) 4.15 Jackanory. Part three of Tom's Sausage Lion. 4.35 Secrets Out. A new series of the odd hobbies quiz.

4.55 Newsround Extra. John Craven reports the Florida Everglades. (Ceefax) 5.05 Grange Hill. Episode two. (Ceefax) 5.35 Fax. Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix, and Billy Butler, settle another selection of bones of contention.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Paul Hogan, Malcolm McDowell and his wife Mary Steenburgen, and Ulick O'Connor. Music is provided by Style Council.

7.35 'Allo 'Allo! In this last episode of the series Rene is coerced by Michelle of the Resistance to help save the British airmen from being executed. (Ceefax)

8.10 The Colbys. It's decision time for Jason – which woman will he choose, his wife or his sister-in-law? (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Regional news

9.30 Rockliffe's Babies. A new drama series starring Ian Hogg as Sgt Rockliffe, a detective in charge of training seven young members of Scotland Yard's Crime Squad. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.20 Film: Midnight Cowboy (1969) starring Dustin Hoffman and John Voight. A touching, tough, and amusing tale of the unlikely friendship between Joe Buck, a naive young man from the sticks who arrives in New York with plans to become a stud. When this ambition fails he joins forces with Ratso Rizzo, a streetwise but tubercular New York conman. Directed by John Schlesinger. (Ceefax)

12.10 Weather.

Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman: the story of their unusual friendship is told in Midnight Cowboy (BBC1,10.20pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

2.00 News and weather.

2.02 Laramie. When the only daughter of an over-protective father is kidnapped, Slim and Jess come to the rescue. Starring John Smith and Robert Fuller. (r)

2.50 Color Rhapsody. Crop Chasers, a Columbia cartoon.

3.00 News and weather.

3.03 Wild World: The Desire of the Moth. A documentary about moths. They range in size from one specie with wings the size of a dove's to another that lives inside a leaf, and, although nocturnal, have colourings that sometimes rival butterflies. The narrator is Barry Paine. (r)

3.50 News, regional news and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong. The guests include Colin Welland who talks about his new film, Twice in a Lifetime, starring Gene Hackman; an item on the problems of illegitimacy; and a report from a snail farm.

4.35 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Professor Lewis Wolpert's fifth lecture deals with the question of whether it is possible to decipher, or improve on, the programme for brain development.

5.30 Horizon: the Twenty-Five Hour Clock. A repeat of Monday's programme which explained about clocks in the human body which, if left by themselves, would have us live a 25-hour day. The narrator is Paul Vaughan.

6.20 Film: Son of Lassie. (1945) starring Peter Lawford and Donald Crisp. The story of Laddie proving he is as brave as his famous parent when his master is trapped in Nazi territory. Directed by S.Sylvan Simon.

8.00 On the Road. A new series in which Glyn Worsnip, Diane Kenwood, and John Diamond, report on their stories of the week from the town and countryside of the South-east.

8.30 Gardeners' World. The start of a new gardening season at Barnsdale and Geoff Hamilton, Roy Lancaster, and Anne Swithinbank, begin work on the conversion of a 40 foot by 18 foot plot into a back garden, using money-saving as well as labour-saving ideas. Plus, tips on organic gardening;

9.00 Jazz Week: Le Jazz Hot. A musical documentary tracing, from 1919, the story of jazz in France. The programme includes archive film of Django Reinhardt and the Quintette du Hot Club France, Sidney Bechet, Bud Powell, Kenny Clarke, Bill Coleman, and Don Byas. Written and narrated by Russell Davies.

10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.

11.30 The Rockford Files. Jim is hired to find a missing heiress but his life is put in danger by an over-eager co-investigator. (r) Ends at 12.25.

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.

7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. After Nine includes a repeat of the Mike Yarwood interview; Russell Grant's horoscopes; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Spiderwoman. (r)

9.45 Film: The Password is Courage* (1962) starring Dirk Bogarde. Second World War drama about a British officer's attempt to escape from a prisoner-of-war camp. With Alfred Lynch and Nigel Stock. Based on fact and directed by Andrew L Stone. 11.50 Cartoon Time.

12.00 The Raggy Dolls. (r) 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets and guest, Noel Dyson.

12.30 A Heritage From Stone. In this week's edition of the series on Ireland's architecture Brian Boyd visits, among other places, the castles of Carrickfergus, Dundrum, Dunluce, Audley's and Narrow Water. (r)

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Film: Showboat (1951) starring Ava Gardner and Howard Keel. Romantic musical about the captain of a Mississippi showboat and Magnolia, his daughter who falls for Gaylord, a riverboat gambler. Directed by George Sidney. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.15 The Telebugs 4.20 Worldwise. David Jensen presents another round of the fast-moving place-name quiz. (Oracle) 4.45 Alias the Jester. (r)

5.00 Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy begins a new conservation series.

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.

5.45 News with John Suchet.

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show presented by Michael Aspel.

7.00 The Newlywed Game. Gloria Hunniford introduces the quiz designed to reveal how little newly-wed couples know of their respective partner.

7.30 Murder, She Wrote: Powder Keg. Jessica helps a friend's son who is wrongly accused of murder. Starring Angela Lansbury.

8.30 My Husband and I. A new sit-com series starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore.

9.00 Yesterday's Dreams. Episode one of a new seven-part drama serial about a couple who come together again seven years after their divorce. Has time cured the separation or was the divorce a terrible mistake? Starring Paul Freeman and Judy Loe. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes.

10.30 The London Programme. John Taylor reports on the growing concern of the widespread availability of a number of threatening weapons, among them, 'Rambo' knives, ninja stars, and crossbows. Followed by LWT News.

11.00 Snooker. The closing frames of the second semifinal of the Mercantile Credit Classic, introduced from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool, by Dickie Davies. The commentary team includes John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, and Mark Wildman.

12.15 New from London. Magnum in a 1985 concert recorded at London's Camden Palace Theatre.

1.15 Close.

Paul Freeman and Judy Loe as the separated couple in Yesterday's Dreams. Part one can be seen on ITV tonight at 9.00

CHANNEL 4

2.00 Snooker. The second semifinal of the Mercantile Credit Classic, introduced by Tony Francis from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool.

4.30 Jigsaw. Team quiz game presented by Dickie Davies.

5.00 Car 54, Where Are You?* Vintage American comedy series about two incompetent New York policemen, this week doing their best to reform the local alcoholic, but their regular appearances at the drunk's place of work turn his colleagues to the drink.

5.30 The Tube presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates. In the first part of the programme Paula Yates meets Dr Roberts of The Blow Monkeys; and in the studio, the former backing group for Wham!, Pepsi and Shirley, perform their debut solo single. From 6.00 the studio guests are Berlin; on video is Siousie Sioux. Also in the show are the Cardiacs, The Bible, and Diamanda Galas with her Shriekopera

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.

7.50 Book Choice. Charles Osborne reviews Robert Hughes's The Fatal Shore, a history of the first 200 years of Australia.

8.00 What the Papers Say with Sebastain Faulks of The Independent.

8.15 A Week in Politics presented by Nick Ross. What is Labour's answer to popular capitalism? A report from London's docklands, plus interviews with Labour MPs, Bryan Gould and Michael Meacher.

9.00 E.R. A new sit-com series from the United States, set in the Emergency Room (ER) of Clark Street Hospital, a large inner city hospital, starring Elliott Gould as the world weary and overburdened ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr Howard Sheinfield, with a younger, female, work-by-the-book head of department (Marcia Strassman)

9.30 Newhart. Comedy series starring Bob Newhart as the owner of an inn in the United States.

10.00 The Golden Girls. An award-winning comedy series about four middle-aged women sharing a Florida coast home. (Oracle)

10.30 The Deadly Affair (1966) starring James Mason, Maximilian Schell, and Simon Signoret. A John Le Carre thriller about a Secret Service agent whose investigations into a Foreign Office official lead to the man's apparant suicide and the uncovering of an East German spy ring. Directed by Sidney Lumet.

12.30 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. A new type of off-beat chat show, variety acts, weird news bulletins, and celebrity investigations. Ends at 1.15.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-1.00 Seal Sec 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.20-10.50 Left, Right and Centre 10.50-12.35am Film: Midnight Cowboy (Jon Voight, Dustin Hoffman) 12.35-12.40 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Fax 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account. SCOTLAND 8.00pm-8.30 Food and Drink. NORTHERN IRELAND 8.00pm-8.30 The Kenny Everett Television Show. ENGLAND 8.00pm-8.30 East: East on Two. Midlands: Crimewatch Midlands. North-east: Search Dogs of the Summits. North-west: Now! South: South on Two. South-west: Natural Concern. West: Day Out.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35 Harlem Globetrotters 11.00 Spread Your Wings 11.30-12.00 Snow Express 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Gasbags* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here? 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.30 Cross Question 11.30 Snooker 12.15am Film: Bad Day at Black Rock 1.45 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: Starts 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30 Groovie Ghoulies 11.00 Tarzan 11.50-12.00 Cartoon 1.20pm News 1.30 Wish You Were Here? 2.00 Film: Appointment in Honduras* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.30 Snooker 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am James Michener 10.15 Intrepid Mr Twigg 10.50-12.00 Film: There's Always a Thursday* 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Elephant Walk 6.00 News 6.45-7.00 Central Post 10.30 Snooker 12.15am Jobfinder 1.15 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors 10.55 Autray 11.00 Runaway Island 11.25-12.00 Connections 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 The Week in View 2.00 Murder, She Wrote 3.00 Look Who's Talking 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Please Sir!7 30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Snooker 12.15am Film: The Haunted and the Hunter 1.40 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Beyond 200 11.10 Get Along Gang 11.30-12.00 Big Hex of Little Lulu 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: You're Only Young Twice* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here? 6.00-7.00 News 7.30-8.30 T J Hooker 10.30 Weekend Starts Here! 11.30 Snooker 12.15am Film: Blue Line 1.15 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30-11.00 Your Number's Up 11.00-12.15am Snooker.

TSW As London except: 9.30am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Film: The Gold Express 11.30-12.00 Horse Sense 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Escape to Burma 3.00pm Wish You Were Here? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-7.00 Friday Show 10.32 Snooker 12.15am Postscript 12.20 Film: Satan's School for Girls 1.35 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.28am Sesame Street 10.30-12.00 The Uncle 1.20pm News 1.30 Bulman 2.30 Bygones 3.00 Wish You Were Here? 3.25-4.00 Country GP 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Challenge of the South 10.30-11.00 Facing South 12.15am Mike Hammer 1.15 Company, Close

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25-12.00 Film: Two Thousand Women* 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Browning Version* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here? 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Who's the Boss? 10.30-11.00 Extra Time 12.15am Three's Company, Close

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Spiderwoman 9.55 Leave it to Mrs O'Brien 10.20 Film: Blondie on a Budget 11.30-12.00 Short Story 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: 36 Hours* 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here? 6.00-7.00 Calendar 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider 10.30 Snooker 12.15am Tales from the Darkside 12.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 12.15pm Film: Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo* 1.30 Beyond Belief 2.00 Snooker 4.05 5 Lôn Goch 4.20 Smyrffs 4.45 Chwarter Call 5.00 Drennyd y Ffair 5.30 The Tube 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Am y Corau 8.00 Sidni 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar 9.30 Film: Flight to Berlin 11.15 Six of Hearts 12.15am Closedown.

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6.30am until 8.30pm then 10.00 and 12 midnight

5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 5.45 Singled Out (Janice Long) 7.00 Andy Peebles 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (with Tommy Vance). VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)

News on the hour (except 8.00pm).

Sports Desks 6.31am, 7.30, 8.31, 12.00pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only). 9.55. Cricket: (Fifth Test) Reports from Sydney at 12.05am, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02.

4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Maggie Philbin 4.00 Hughie Green 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Jules Ruben 9.00 The Organist Entertains (nigel Ogden) 10.00 Peter Morrison Sings 10.30 Living With Betty 11.00 Stuart Hall 1.00am Jean Challis 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Nashville Cats 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Music of Weber 8.30 Music Now 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Double Dwan 10.00 News 10.01 Sing Gospel 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme 10.30 Business Matters 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 In the Meantime 12.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Jazz for the Asking 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 John Peel 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Nature Notebook 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Wind in the Willows 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Science in Action 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Northern Ireland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music Now 9.45 Wind in the Willows 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 From the Weeklies 11.30 Multitrack 3 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 About Britain 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Sing Gospel 1.45 Nature Notebook 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Record Makers 4.00 Here's Humph! (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News

7.05 Concert: Borodin (Prince Igor overture: Atlanta SO), Grechaninov (The lane, Op 89: Soderstrom, soprano), Nielsen (Clarinet Concerto, Op 57: Schill with Gothenburg SO), Rachmaninov (Vocalise Op 34 No 14: Berlin PO). 8.00 News

8.05 Concert (continued): Blavet (Sonata in A Op 3 No 4: Alain-Dupré, Marianne Muller, Marc Tallet and Yannick Le Gaillard), Saint-Saens (Violin Concerto No 3: Perlman with Paris Orchestra), Honegger (Symphonic Movement No 3: Bavarian RSO). 9.00 News

9.05 This Week's Composer: Schubert. Liebesbotschaft: Der Doppelganger (Fischer-Dieskau and Gerald Moore), Symphony No 10 (Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Der Hirt auf dem Felsen (with Margaret Price, soprano), Die Taubenpost (Fischer-Dieskau and Gerald Moore)

10.00 Northern Sinfonia (under Jorg Faerber). Vanhal (Sinfonia in G minor), Woolrich (Songbook II), Mozart (Symphony No 33)

11.00 Baritone and piano: Brian Rayner Cook and Antony Saunders. Head (Three Songs of Venice), Walters (Two Hubert Nicholson settings: Here lie in earth and Calbourne Mill), Bliss (including In praise of his Daphnis)

11.30 Schubert and Maw: Gabrieli String Quartet. Schubert (Quartet movement in C minor, D 703), Maw (Quartet No 2)

12.10 BBC Philharmonic (under Herbig), with Howard Shelley (piano). Part one. Liszt (Prometheus symphonic poem), Schumann (Symphony No 1). 1.00 News

1.05 Concert (part two) Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3)

1.50 Budapest Wind Ensemble: Mozart's Serenade in E flat, K 375

2.15 Youth Orchestra of World: RIAS Youth Orchestra, with Janis Martin (soprano), Schoneberger Boys' Choir. Hindemith (Symphonic metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber), Berg (Three fragments from Wozzeck), Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4)

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Salisbury Cathedral. 4.55 News

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by David Hoult

6.30 Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra (under Janos Rolla). Handel (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 5), Bartok (Divertimento, 1937)

7.15 The Tragedy of Wallenstein: Epic drama by Schiller, adapted by Anthony Vivis and Tinch Minter. With music by John Hopkins. The setting: the 30 Years War. Cast includes John Rowe, Gwen Watford, Kathryn Hurlbutt, Sheila Gish, Nigel Stock, Robert Lang, Anton Lesser and Robert Eddison. Intervals at 8.50 and 9.50

11.00 Jean-Philippe Collard: piano recital. Schumann (Kreisleriana, Op 16), Chopin (Waltzes in E minor, Op posth; in F minor, Op 70 No 2; in D flat, Op 70 No 3; in D flat, Op 64 No 1; in A minor, Op 34 No 2; in A flat, Op 34 No 1

11.57 News

12.00 Fifth Test, Australia v England. From Sydney. Live commentary continues

Spike Milligan: on Radio 4, at 12.27pm

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping 6.00 News briefing, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 6.45 Business News 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Your letters

8.43 The House at Pooh Corner. 5 In Which Piglet does a very grand thing, and Owl moves home. Read by Alan Bennett. 8.57 Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs. Tony Bennett, singer and artist, in conversation with Michael Parkinson.

9.45 The Enthusiasts (new series). Allan Smith visits the first of five groups of the Great British Enthusiast. 1: Sailing Barges.

10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world.

10.30 Morning Story. Goat Ride, by Patricia Highsmith.Read by Crawford Logan.

10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 21 (s)

11.00 News; Travel; After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows. The tragedy of Charlotte Bronte's unexpected late marriage, seen through her memoirs and the letters of Mrs Gaskell. With Anna Massey,and Maggie McCarthy (r)

11.48 Through My Window (new series). Mike Harding ponders on the view from his home in the Yorkshire Dales.

12.00 News; The Food Programme presented by Derek Cooper.

12.27 Tales from the Mausoleum Club, by Ian Brown and James Hendrie. 1: The Inaudible Man. With Terence Stamp, Spike Milligan and Joss Ackland. (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Scotland with Mary Marquis.Includes a report on the new Family Law (Scotland) Act.

3.00 News; Secret Lives (new series) by E S Benson, in 3 episodes. With Aubrey Woods and Pauline Collins. (s)

4.00 News

4.05 A Wedding of Considerable Interest. It was love at first sight in 1903 for 26-year-old Grace Hurditch. and the Rev Henry Grattan Guinness, who was 67. Their granddaughter tells of their love story.(r)

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Another chance to hear last night's edition.Includes comment on the Diary of Anne Frank, on BBC1.

5.00 PM News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 The Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs presents a consumer magazine about travel and transport.

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard with a selection of the week's programmes (s)

8.20 Any Questions? Lord Marsh (chairman, Newsaper Publishers' Association), Jean Rooke (assistant editor, Daily Express), Frederic Raphael (author) and Paul Foot (journalist) answer questions from an audience in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

9.05 Stop Press. Beverly Anderson casts a critical eye over this week's newspapers.

9.30 Letter From America by Alastair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes items on the film Heartburn and British and American Pop Art at the Tate Gallery. Also First Fictions, with interviews with Kazuo Ishiguro and R McCrum.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Hottentot Room, by Christopher Hope (5 of 12). The reader is Jack Klaff. 10.29 Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Weekending. A satirical look at the past week's news (s)

12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping

VHF (available in England & S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening corner (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

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England in mood to pick over Australian bones

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

Sydney at last! Thirteen weeks after leaving London the England team arrived here yesterday for the first time. As one of them put it, "It's not fair to have had to wait so long". The fifth and final Test match, starting tomorrow, is said by some to present England with a problem of motivation. But I doubt whether it will. They are every bit as keen as they should be to extend their lead in the series from two matches to three.

In contrast to England, who have gone the best part of six weeks without a significant set-back, Australia are in a terrible state. Rifts are mentioned between the Board and their selectors, the selectors and their captain, the captain and his players. Little did we think before the series started that England, then so starved of success, would finish it much less in need of a victory than Australia. The game, to be healthy, needs a strong Australian side, which is why their present disarray is a good thing for no one.

For the first time England go into a Test match here without having played on Sydney's famous ground. They were prevented from meeting New South Wales here in November because it was being rolled, mown and manicured for the Pope. I am sure, too, that England can never have played a Test match so soon after a flight involving a three-hour time change, the difference between Perth and Sydney or London and Tehran.

After a successful week in Perth, in which they played four hard matches, several of the England side have been excused a practice today. That, too, must be unprecedented.

Before playing against Australia, of all sides, nothing is normally left to chance. Mickey Stewart feels that for psychological as well as physical reasons some would be better off relaxing, believing them to be "drained" after the Benson & Hedges Challenge. I don't, in fact, agree with this decision, feeling that team spirit is best engendered by everyone being subjected to the same discipline, but it was most certainly not lightly taken.

England are not only winning at the moment, they are beginning to play like a decent side again, really by doing the basic things properly. Botham's loss of pace through his injury has obliged him to concentrate more on accuracy, and he is none the worse for it. The player feeling in particular need of a performance to satisfy himself is Lamb. It says a lot for him that there is no one from whom a hundred here would be more popular within the party.

It was too late by the time the flight from Perth landed yesterday to have a look at the ground. The chances are, though, of a slow pitch and one which, although it may well turn, will never do so outrageously. When Australia beat West Indies here two years ago they could afford to make a pitch which did just that, knowing that West Indies had very little spin to speak of. Now, anything that Australia's spinners can do, Edmonds and Emburey will normally do better.

Ritchie is Border's choice as opener

Sydney (Reuter) — Allan Border, the Australian captain, said yesterday that he favoured Greg Ritchie for the vacant opening position in the final Test. Australia have dropped David Boon, the vice-captain, leaving Geoff Marsh as the only specialist opener.

"Whoever does the job with Geoff will be somebody who hasn't opened for Australia and probably hasn't done the job for his state — and I favour Ritchie," Border said.

Ritchie, who was 12th man in the fourth Test in Melbourne, said he had asked Border if he could open the Australian innings.

The selection of the local off spinner, Peter Taylor ("I thought they were taking the mickey") adds a mysterious and therefore attractive element to the match. It is rather as though Halliday of Ireland had been chosen to play against Australia at Lord's. It has been vehemently denied that Taylor's name appeared in the Australian twelve as the result of a stenographer's error, and it is certainly true that under pressure Australian selectors have a history of doing some very strange things.

When last Australia were going through anything like as bad a patch as they are at the moment — in 1970-71 — they dropped the dependable Lawry for the last Test match and brought in Dell of Queensland and Eastwood of Victoria, two cricketers who were scarcely heard of again. It would be spendidly romantic if Taylor were to do well.

The weather around and about Sydney has been "changeable" — cool one day, temperatures of over 100 degrees the next. In 1954-55, when England had also retained the Ashes before the last Test, pretty well the whole of New South Wales was under water. The six-day match could be started only after lunch on the fourth day. Colin Cowdrey had promised me that he would wear his Harlequin cap after tea on the last day. He had it in his cricket bag and it would have been a friendly evocation of Douglas Jardine, who wore little else during the body-line tour of 1932-33.

But England, having made Australia follow-on, were suddenly in a position to beat them by an innings. Len Hutton called for one last effort, and that lovely cap never appeared. Of Hutton's side, Peter May and the present incumbent, Cowdrey, have become Presidents of MCC. Which of Gatting's team will, I wonder. Gatting himself? Gower? DeFreitas? You never know.

England's next Test match against Australia will also be in Sydney — in a year's time — to celebrate Australia's bicentenary. It is a "one-off", to be played as an appendix to England's tour of New Zealand. From what Border is now saying, he would still like to be captain: "I want to be the leader of the revival. I don't want to bow out. I want this challenge and I intend to see it through. What I want and need is for the players to compete at their full potential and to win a bloody match. Just to win a bloody match...I don't want to be remembered as a bad captain, and I don't think I am."

If Australia have a bad match here, Border may miss the one-day internationals which follow it. Not even the Prime Minister of Australia is likely to have a more anxious week than Border's, starting tomorrow.

ENGLAND TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and Fielding

	M	I	No	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
B C Broad	9	16	2	656	162	46.85	3	1	7	—
I T Botham	7	12	2	465	138	46.50	1	2	8	—
N A Foster	4	6	2	172	74*	43.00	—	1	4	—
B N French	3	5	2	113	58	37.66	—	1	9	1
A J Lamb	9	16	1	507	105	33.80	1	3	8	—
D I Gower	8	14	2	399	136	33.25	1	1	4	—
J J Whitaker	5	7	0	214	108	30.57	1	—	2	—
C W J Athey	8	14	1	386	96	29.69	—	4	6	—
M W Gatting	9	16	0	424	100	26.50	1	2	9	—
C J Richards	8	12	1	251	133	22.81	1	—	22	3
J E Emburey	8	12	3	188	49	20.88	—	1	5	—
W N Slack	5	9	0	184	89	20.44	—	1	5	—
P A J DeFreitas	7	10	2	130	40	16.25	—	—	1	—
P H Edmonds	8	8	2	92	27	15.33	—	—	7	—
G C Small	7	9	3	86	26	14.33	—	—	4	—
G R Dilley	5	4	1	33	32	11.00	—	—	1	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
G C Small	217.4	59	534	28	19.07	5-48	2	—
M W Gatting	89	25	193	9	21.44	4-31	—	—
N A Foster	149	40	352	16	22.00	4-20	—	—
I T Botham	156.1	32	437	18	24.27	5-41	1	—
G R Dilley	192.1	35	570	18	31.66	5-68	1	—
P A J DeFreitas	239	43	754	22	34.27	4-44	—	—
J E Emburey	387.5	112	883	24	36.79	6-102	2	—
P H Edmonds	351.4	101	771	20	38.55	3-37	—	—

Also bowled: C W J Athey 4-0-25-0; A J Lamb 1-1-0-0.

● *Compiled by Richard Lockwood*

Left wing attack: Evans, of Llanelli, is set to make his international debut against Ireland

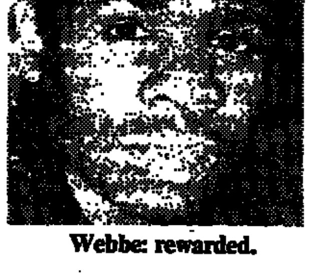
Webbe reward long overdue

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

While there will be obvious satisfaction in Pontypool, Neath and Llanelli at the first caps awarded to Roger Bidgood, Kevin Phillips and Ieuan Evans, there may be more general pleasure that Glenn Webbe is to make his first home international appearance for Wales.

Webbe has the reputation of a great entertainer, on and off the pitch. He was capped as a replacement for Adrian Hadley against Tonga last June, and retained his place for the game against Western Samoa. While both matches were given full international status, in the public eye it is not quite the same as a match against another International Board country and was, in any case, a slightly obscure tour in terms of coverage outside Wales.

The Bridgend wing will be 25 later this month and has had a long wait for recognition. He played for the Welsh Youth, with whom he toured South Africa, and for Crawshay's Welsh in 1982 where his feats on tour against Pau and Mont-de-Marsan had Andre Boniface, that great French centre, querying with amazement that he had not already been capped.



Webbe: rewarded.

He comes from a large Cardiff family and joined Bridgend from the Canton club. He has now made 200 appearances for them, which argues an ability to survive the hurly-burly of Welsh rugby; last season he was Bridgend's leading try-scorer with 38, which does not include 11 scored for other first class teams.

A lithe, fluid runner, he has tightened up his defensive game over the last two years while retaining an instinctive nose for space. A company representative, his dancing and singing ability have kept many a touring party entertained of an evening; his athletic virtuosity on the international rugby field this season should do the same for somewhat larger audiences.

Bishop loses plea to WRU

The Welsh Rugby Union have confirmed the 11 months' suspension imposed upon David Bishop, the Pontypool scrum half, in October (David Hands writes).

Their executive committee met yesterday after Bishop and his representatives had appeared before an appeals panel and decided against a variation of the sentence, which is to run until September 1.

A WRU statement said: "After the hearing and considering the submissions made by Mr Peter Griffiths on Mr Bishop's behalf and the statements made by Mr W Lewis, chairman of Pontypool RFC, and Mr Ray Prosser, the Pontypool coach, the executive committee concluded that it saw no reason to depart from, or in any way vary, the decision arrived at by the general committee of the union on October 4 last year and that the suspension already imposed on Mr Bishop is affirmed."

It is difficult to know what other decision the WRU could have arrived at save that they could have indicated that they felt a short, sharp shock administered had taken effect.

The circumstances of Bishop's original offence — the assault upon Chris Jarman, the Newbridge lock, which occasioned the court case and the suspended prison sentence upon Bishop of four weeks — had not varied and subsequent disciplinary hearings have not created any precedent.

The original suspension was imposed partly because of Bishop's court appearance and also because he had originally denied involvement in the Jarman incident, which was said to be "prejudicial to the interests of the union and the game".

Wing debut for Evans among Welsh changes

By Gerald Davies

Three uncapped players are among the changes in the team announced by the Welsh Rugby Union selectors to play Ireland in their opening match in the Five Nations Championship in Cardiff on January 17.

In all, eight alterations have been made to the Welsh side that played the last match of their 1986 championship against France.

The three likely to make their international debuts are Roger Bidgood, of Pontypool, in the centre, Kevin Phillips, the Neath hooker, and Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli threequarter who is the leading try-scorer in Welsh rugby this season, on the left wing.

Additionally, Glen Webbe is given his first occasion to perform on the European stage, although he made his first international appearance as a replacement against Tonga, and played the full match against Western Samoa on Wales's tour to the South Pacific in the summer.

Although there had been some speculation about the early-season form of Paul Thorburn, at full back, his return to better form in the last couple of weeks, coupled with the memory of his phenomenal place-kicking qualities of last year, secures his place. Davies and Jones were automatic choices at half back.

Elsewhere in the threequarter line there have been wholesale and surprising changes. The conundrum over the choice between Webbe and Evans, both of whom have played with exceptional guile and speed on the right wing for their clubs, has been resolved by electing to play Evans on the left.

He is no stranger to the shift which on first glance may not have any clearly apparent significance, but which can often alter the balance of a player's running at a defence as well as his general perception of the game. He played, though, in the position for the Crawshay's club on their tour to South Africa in 1985 and, according to Neville Walsh, who managed the team, the change made no difference to Evans's devastating running.

Wales team

P Thorburn (Neath)
G Webbe (Bridgend)
R Bidgood (Pontypool)
K Hopkins (Swansea)
I Evans (Llanelli)
J Davies (Neath)
R Jones (Swansea)
J Whitefoot (Cardiff)
K Phillips (Neath)
S Evans (Neath)
P Moriarty (Swansea)
S Sutton (South Wales Police)
R Norster (Cardiff)
D Pickering (Llanelli, captain)
P Davies (Llanelli)
REPLACEMENTS: A Hadley (Cardiff), M Dacey (Swansea), J Griffiths (Llanelli), A Buchanan (Llanelli), B James (Aberavon), R Collins (South Wales Police).
REFEREE: G Maurette (France)

Both Adrian Hadley, of Cardiff, and Swansea's Arthur Emyr, both natural left wing players, may very well feel a personal disappointment to be overlooked in this way. Yet, the prospect of both Webbe and Evans as the prongs of some wide attack, is one to savour in the anticipation. Provided, that is, the ball arrives with them often enough and on time. Much will depend on the centres.

It is here that the most puzzling and, no doubt, controversial choice has been made. Singly, an argument could be made for both Bidgood, who had a good game for Wales B earlier this season, and Hopkins, who was capped against England in 1985, but to pair them together has a less than confident look about it. There is no-one in mid-field who his pursuasively distinctive, either as a runner, or a distributor. It is doubtful whether anyone else in Wales could have foreseen the upshot of the selectors deliberations in this respect.

With Devereux, Ring, Dacey, Ieuan Evans and Nigel Davies all being part of the many other permutations, no one, it is fair to assume, have thought of this final choice. The patterns of Welsh play could well be determined by their effectiveness.

David Pickering will captain the team from a back row which will have to prove, yet again, whether it has the right force, speed, and stature.

Bowen on his way back

Bleddyn Bowen, the Welsh international centre, who has been out of action for more than six months because of hip trouble, makes his first appearance this season for the South Wales Police tomorrow at Newbridge.

Bowen, aged 25, who has won 13 Welsh caps, made his last appearance against Western Samoa during the tour of the South Sea Islands in June. Following a successful operation on his hip last autumn, Bowen is hoping to regain his place in the national squad in time for World Cup consideration.

David Sole, who has reclaimed his place in the Scotland team to face England a week Saturday, is an unexpected omission from the Bath team to face London Welsh this weekend. "We simply haven't seen enough of him recently," David Lamb, the Bath team secretary, said. Sole, therefore has to settle for a place on the bench, although it seems strange that he should have been singled out.

Bath's big contingent of English international players will all be on duty, with the exception of Graham Dawe, the hooker, who is wisely sitting this one out before winning his first cap against Scotland.

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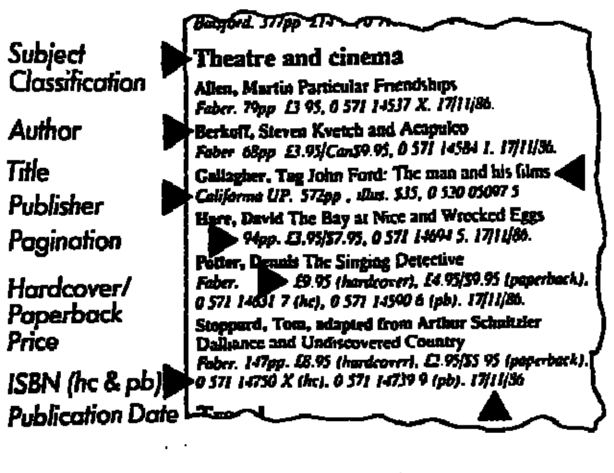

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Drinks to blame for near-riot

Perth (AFP) — Some of the hoodlums who clashed with police in a near-riot at the WACA cricket ground here at the end of Wednesday's Benson and Hedges Challenge one-day final between England and Pakistan were armed with knives, officials said on yesterday.

Tom Ivankovich, the Western Australian Cricket Association chief executive, said: "Others used flags as spears. The situation could have got out of hand." Ivankovich was defending the heavy-handed methods used by police and ground staff to prevent supporters, who jumped perimeter fences, from crossing the ground to reach the section where match awards were being presented.

Wednesday's drama, following England's five-wicket win, resulted in about 25 people being arrested. They will appear in court next week. Police have blamed excessive drinking for the flare-up.

Jones leaves Sussex for Somerset

Adrian Jones, the 25-year-old Sussex fast bowler, yesterday signed a three-year contract with Somerset after refusing a new agreement of the same length with Sussex, whose chief coach, Stewart Storey, had decribed him as the county's best fast bowling prospect since John Snow.

The Somerset secretary Tony Brown said that team manager Brian Rose, had negotiated a move to Somerset for the Middlesex all-rounder Graham Rose, who took six for 41 on his debut at Worcester in 1985.

SNOOKER

Less than fluent victory for White

By Sydney Friskin

Jimmy White, the title-holder, reached new heights in the Mercantile Credit Classic at Blackpool yesterday by making a break of 99 in his 17 frame semi-final against Dean Reynolds, of Grimsby. White surpassed the previous highest break of 95 by Stephen Hendry and put himself in line for the special prize of £5,000.

By the end of the afternoon White had lost some of his early fluency — he tended to hurry his shots — and Reynolds, who proved that he was not to be taken lightly, all but snatched the lead. As it was, White had to pull a few astonishing tricks out of the bag to go into the interval leading 4-3.

White's break of 99 was compiled in the second frame — he made 80 in the first — and his control of the cue ball was so good that he worked himself into perfect position for the last red. He could have cleared the table but played a reckless shot on the black which, had it gone down, would have given him the first century break in the televised section of the tournament.

Reynolds, unperturbed by White's brilliance, responded with a break of 48 which provided a firm enough base for him to win the third frame convincingly. White drew firmly ahead in the fourth but with five reds left, Reynolds made a break of 30 to level the scores at 42-42. White recovered his rhythm by sinking a long yellow and clinched the frame with a brown to pink sequence.

Coming back from the recess, Reynolds won the next two frames, showing particular courage in the sixth which he started with a break of 45. An unsuccessful attempt on a blue ended White's chances of saving the frame and Reynolds was back in the match at 3-3. White ended a break of 39 in the seventh frame with a careless shot on the yellow, enabling Reynolds to reply with a break of 52. Then Reynolds missed the black off its spot and White, after a double on the green, ran through the remaining colours.

Today's semi-final between Hendry and Steve Davis arouses special interest as the prelude to a six-match series between the two in Scotland, starting on January 19.

Both Hendry and Davis might not have been in today's match if their earlier opponents had not made costly mistakes, Danny Fowler against Hendry who missed a straight shot on the black and John Parrott who let Davis off the hook with an unsuccessful shot on the brown.

Semi-final: J White (Eng) bt D Reynolds (Eng) 4-3. Frame scores (White first): 84-36, 109-8, 35-94, 82-42, 29-58, 22-71, 88-52. Quarter-final: S Davis (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng) 5-4. Frame scores (Davis first): 2-91, 52-68, 24-70, 66-0, 92-8, 48-54, 72-2, 61-51, 65-61.

World Cup worry for Craven

By Simon Barnes

The chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB) may not be allowed to attend the first World Cup which will be held in May and June in Australia and New Zealand.

That is because the new chairman, who takes up the appointment in March, is Dr Danie Craven, who has been president of the South African Rugby Board for the past 31 years, and because of his nationality may be refused a visa. The World Cup competition will involve all the major rugby nations apart from South Africa.

Dr Craven, who has been refused visas for both Australia and New Zealand before, said: "It would appear that they are scared of us, but I don't know why. I have not made any visa application, but I have been told indirectly that I would not be allowed into the countries."

Dr Craven will take up his appointment when he chairs the annual meeting of the IRB in March. This meeting was to have been held in Wellington, in New Zealand, the obvious place for such a meeting in this first World Cup year. But the meeting has been switched to London, apparently to allow Dr Craven to attend.

"It is obvious they don't like us, and they have the right to stop us," he said. "At any event, if the World Cup is to bring enjoyment to the players involved, then so be it, and let everyone enjoy themselves." Dr Craven said he would not be bringing up the South African issue when the IRB meet in March. He said enigmatically: "It will be a normal meeting."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Watterson reported

Mike Watterson has been reported by snooker referees and officials to the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association after incidents following his defeat in the qualifying round of the Dulux British Open championship at Solihill last November when he was beaten by David Roe.

Watterson was at one time an important figure in world snooker.

Higson back

Alison Higson who, at 13 became the youngest Commonwealth Games gold medal winner in Edinburgh last year, is to compete in the Leicester Short Course Meeting, from January 23 to 25.

£1,000 rise

More details of the Embassy world indoor bowls singles championship at Coatbridge next month have been announced. Out of the prize fund of £52,400 the winner will receive £12,000 and the runner-up £6,000, in each case £1,000 more than last year. The event begins on February 7.

Race series

A series of midweek road races will be organized in Britain by the sportswear firm, Adidas, between April and August this year. They are over five, 10 and 15 kilometres at Glasgow, Sunderland, Avon, Birmingham and Southampton. The winners will be invited to compete in the Adidas/Mars half marathon at Wolverhampton on September 20.

Referee dies

Leo Callaghan, who refereed in the 1966 World Cup finals and handled the 1968 FA Cup Final between Everton and West Bromwich Albion has died in his home town of Merthyr Tydfil at the age of 63. He retired in 1971, after 17 years as a Football League referee, and was only the second Welshman to control an FA Cup Final.

Same again

Golf charges at the world-famous old course at St. Andrews have been pegged at £16.50 for the summer. It will be the first time for a number of yesrs there has been no increase. The decision by the St. Andrews links management committee has been welcomed by hoteliers, businessmen and tourism officials.

FOOTBALL

Christie is cleared of swearing

Trevor Christie, the Walsall forward, has been cleared of swearing at a linesman during his team's FA Cup victory over Chesterfield at Fellows Park in November.

Christie, aged 27, was alleged to have sworn during the closing stages of the first round tie which Walsall won 2-0 after his team colleague, David Kelly, and Jamie Hewitt, the Chesterfield defender, had both been sent off by the referee, Gilbert Napthine.

Christie was charged with bringing the game into disrepute but was cleared by an FA disciplinary committee. Tommy Coakley, the Walsall manager, said: "The right decision was made."